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COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH PROCLAIMED

Mississippi community and junior college presidents meet with Gov. Ray Mabus after he signs a proclamation recognizing February as National Community College Month and commending the two year colleges for their valuable contribution to the state's higher education system. Pictured are front, from left, Dr. McKinley Martin, Coahoma Community College; Mabus; Dr. Clyde Muse, Hinds Community College; back, from left, Dr. Starkey Morgan, Holmes Community College; Dr. Eddie Smith, East Central Community College; Dr. Ted Alexander, Pearl River Community College; Dr. William Moore, East Mississippi Community College; Dr. Billy Thames, Copiah-Lincoln Community College; Dr. Terrell Tisdale, Jones Junior College; Dr. David Haraway, Northwest Community College; Horace Holmes, Southwest Community College; Dr. David Powe, Mississippi Delta Community College; Joe Childers, Northeast Community College; Dr. Barry Mellinger, Gulf Coast Community College; Dr. W. O. Benjamin, Itawamba Community College; and Mac McClellan, director of activities, State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Not pictured is Dr. Bill Scaggs, president, Meridian Community College.

Three Students Named to Receive National Computer Science Award

By LEE CHAMBLEE

Janet Bullard, Lee Chamblee, and Stella Dickerson are three East Central sophomores who have been chosen to receive the National Collegiate Computer Science Award. This award honors the nation's most outstanding computer science students.

"Winning the award is a great tribute to, and permanent recognition of, the dedication, talent and ability of those chosen," said computer technology instructor Mrs. Sara Griffin.

Janet is a resident of Union and attended high school at Sebastopol Attendance Center. She is the wife of Mitchell Bullard and the mother of

one. Janet chose to attend ECCC because it offers the courses she wanted. Presently majoring in Computer Programming-Computer Operations with a 3.4 grade point average, she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Beta Lambda.

Lee is a resident of Carthage and attended high school at Leake Academy in Madden. She is the wife of Mitchell Chamblee. Lee chose ECCC because of the many references given to her by friends and family and also because the community college is close to home. Lee, presently majoring in Computer Programming with a 3.5 grade point average, is a member of Phi

Beta Lambda and Mu Alpha Theta.

Stella is a resident of Union and attended high school at Caldwell Parish High School in Columbia, La. She is the wife of Ed Dickerson and the mother of four. Stella chose to attend ECCC because it offers a good computer programming curriculum. She is presently majoring in Computer Programming-Computer Operations with a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Beta Lambda.

These students will be featured in the United States Achievement Academy National Collegiate Awards Yearbook.

Community Colleges Are 'Real' Colleges

By MICHALLE EVERETT

Contrary to some opinions, community colleges are in fact "real" colleges. Last year over 63,000 people demonstrated their belief in that statement by choosing a Mississippi community college. Ninety-five percent of these students were Mississippi residents.

There are many reasons to choose a community college instead of a four-year institution, and those reasons are especially being stressed during February which has been proclaimed Community College month throughout the nation and state.

Accessibility is one foundation of our community college system. More than one-half of the students combine school and work, and many are married with families.

Community colleges are for everyone—new high school graduates, young professionals,

housewives, second career seekers, senior citizens—anyone with an interest in learning. Because of an "open door" policy, virtually anyone may attend.

Variety in types of programs is another factor in the popularity of community colleges. Two-year academic transfer programs, Vocational-Technical education, employee training, industrial training, adult literacy, and community enrichment courses are just a few of the many programs.

Also, flexible schedules offering day, evening, and sometimes weekend classes make it possible for students to get most classes they need when they want them.

Through job preparation, work force upgrade, technical transfer and literacy training, your local community colleges increase the quality of life for all Mississippians.

EC's Lady Warriors Earn High Ranking

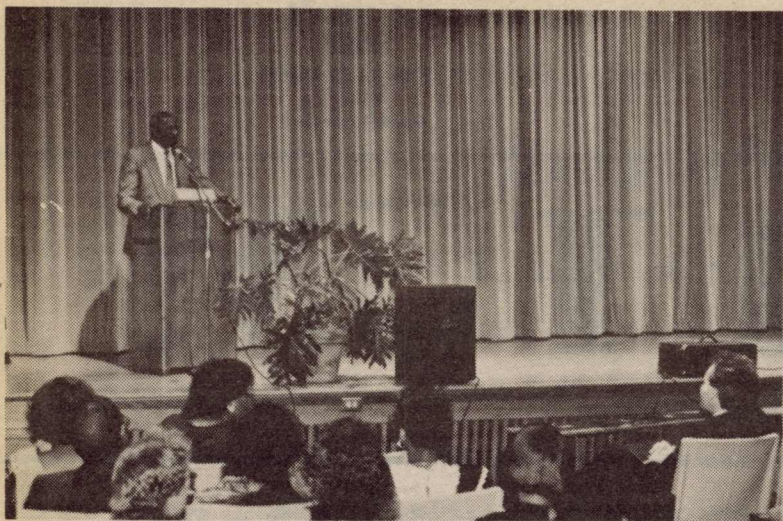
The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College continue to attract national attention as the Sammy Pace-coached squad is ranked eleventh nationally according to the last National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll, which was released Jan. 30.

The East Central women posts a 14-1 overall record and are currently 7-1 in South Division action following their 81-72 win over visiting Hinds Community College Monday night. The poll does not reflect the Lady Warriors' victory over the Hinds women. The improving East Central men's squad, coached by first-year head mentor Jay Bowen, defeated Hinds 70-66 and raised their record to 7-12 overall and 3-5 in division play.

Both EC squads got a break from competition Thursday, Feb. 1 as previously scheduled non-division games with visiting Mary Holmes were cancelled.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors return to action Monday, Feb. 5 by travelling to Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit.

East Central teams resume campus competition Thursday, Feb. 8 by hosting Gulf Coast. Women's action begins at 6 p. m. followed by men's play which starts at 7:45 p. m.



GUEST SPEAKER

Bishop Clifton Jones served as guest speaker during the Martin Luther King, Jr. observance.



PROVIDE SPECIAL MUSIC

Special music was provided by members of the college's gospel choir during observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Program Held Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King

By BOBBIE F. LOVE

East Central recently helped in honoring a very unique man, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. This day, Jan. 15, is set aside each year to honor this man. Rev. King could be said to be one of the founding Fathers of American Society as it is today.

Bishop Clifton Jones of Philadelphia was the guest speaker for this event. In his message Bishop Jones said there are two ingredients that Rev. King expressed: inspiration and motivation. Rev. King believed that without these two things you cannot succeed, because education alone is not enough.

Rev. King was a man of impressive moral presence who devoted his life to the fight for full citizenship rights of poor, disadvantaged and those racially oppressed in the United States.

In his most famous speech, "I Have a Dream" Rev. King exemplified what America should be.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise above and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created

equal. ...my four little children will live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character...and if America is to be great Nation, this must become true..."

ECCC Receives \$5,000 Contribution to Huff Project

East Central Community College in Decatur recently received a \$5,000 contribution from two outstanding alumni with proceeds earmarked for the ongoing Huff Auditorium refurbishing project, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Artwork on Display at East Central

The Fine Arts Center lobby at East Central Community College in Decatur is the setting for various works of art that will be on display through Feb. 16, announced college art instructor Bruce Guraedy.

Guraedy said the display features water colors and pastels furnished by local artists Delores Harris of Lake and Tom Estes of Forest.

Mrs. Harris, a housewife and former teacher, has studied art at Mississippi College and the University of Arkansas and has attended workshops conducted by Alan Flatman and Alex Powers.

She has received many awards for her pastels, including Best of Show recognition at Morton's Barter Day art contest in 1989. She represented Mississippi College in the State Collegiate Art Show in 1988.

Mrs. Harris is a charter member of the Mississippi Water Color Society and serves as a member of the Mississippi Artist Guild. She is a graduate of Lake High School and the University of Southern Mississippi where she received a B. S. degree in Home Economics.

Estes, a Harperville native, is a broadcaster for WQST-FM in Forest.

He attended the Memphis Academy of Art and served two years as art instructor at Louisville High School.

Estes has won much acclaim for his water colors and has won top honors in various shows in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.

For more information about the art display, please contact East Central Community College art instructor Bruce Guraedy, whose office is located in the Fine Arts Center building.

Dr. Smith said the sizeable donation was made by Dr. Joseph C. Todd of Cincinnati, Ohio and his sister, Mrs. Jane Todd Gurry of Raleigh, North Carolina. Their father, the late Dr. Lindsey O. Todd, served as East Central president from 1934-53. Mrs. Todd resides in Meridian.

Mrs. Gurry, a priest at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, graduated from East Central in 1951. Dr. Todd, an open-heart surgeon, was a member of the Warrior football team and graduated in 1953. Both were honor students and attended EC during their father's tenure at the college.

Dr. Smith said phase two of the refurbishing project is "well underway" with funds designated to purchase an air-conditioning system for

the 37-year-old structure. The initial phase of the fund-raising project concerned the installation of new stage curtains and window drapes which was completed at a cost of approximately \$10,000. To install the proposed air conditioning system is estimated to cost about \$70,000.

The auditorium is named for the late J. Knox Huff, an attorney from Forest who served as a Board of Trustees member for 23 years. Huff served as board chairman from 1948 through 1952.

Dr. Smith said tax deductible contributions can be sent to East Central Community College Development Foundation, Inc., Office of the President, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.



In Memory Nancy Ann Hughes

(Freshman from Morton)

February 3, 1971—January 10, 1990

COLLEGE WOULD BE A LOT EASIER IF ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS GO TO COLLEGE.

Maybe you're holding down a part-time job. Or have children. Or can't really afford the expense of going away to college. But you still want a quality college education.

Then that's where America's Community, Technical and Junior Colleges are just the ticket. Because they let you balance your education with the rest of your life. For starters, there's no expense of living away from home. You don't have to give up your full- or part-time job. And tuitions average about half the cost of public four-year colleges and universities. No wonder an amazing 55% of all first time freshmen choose Community Colleges. Of course, when you think about it, it's really the obvious choice.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES:
Where America Goes to College

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East Central Community College

"With You in Mind"

Decatur, Mississippi

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*The **Tom Tom** is the official student newspaper at East Central Community College located in Decatur, Mississippi.

*The **Tom Tom** is a member of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Press Association.

Staff members for the 1990 spring semester include the following: Dawn Bradford, Marla Chamblee, Del Crocker, Tracy Henry, Tracy Ladd, Lashanda LeFlore, Donna Smith, Kim Wedgeworth, Timony Bell, Wanda Breedlove, Scott Cummins, Michalle Everett, Cindy Hall, Andy Hardy, Linda Henley, Jim Holder, John King, David LeBlanc, Chris Little, Bobbie Love, Louanne Morrow, Teresa Sullivan, Diana Davidson, Missy Smith, Nichole Johnson and Jones Steele.

Co-sponsors are Dr. Jeff Smith and Bubby Johnston.

EC Students Find Many Ways To Answer 'Love' Question

By CINDY HALL

Photos By CINDY HALL

This is your roving reporter, Cindy Hall, on a quest to find an answer to an old question, "What is love?"

Where on campus would I start to look for an answer? I searched through the thickest dust-covered books and crossed over some of the slimiest stories in *Cosmo* and *Woman's Day* ever put out. Nothing definite was ever said about the true meaning of love but I did find a great recipe for a chocolate cake. Maybe, I thought, I should take a more personal approach to my question.

After careful consideration I

decided to attack, I mean ask, a friend for a little input on the matter. "What do you think about love?"

"Love, gee, I try not to think about it." I then came to my senses and realized I was asking a chicken to fly, but I was desperate.

I didn't get anywhere but I wasn't discouraged. My next vict-ah-friend was a lot easier to talk to. She bled out her heart to me how he left her after she set fire to his clothes. I wonder if his being in them had anything to do with it. But she claims it was an act of love and she wanted him back. (It was almost tear-jerking.) What does this have to do with love, I'm not sure but hang

on.

After that experience I was ready to head home when it hit me, well something did. When I turned to see what was thrown at me I saw it; LOVE! Couples holding hands and embracing one another. Who knows if it's true love or not; the fact is that people care about one another. That's a wonderful type of love.

Now that my mission is over I can find out who threw the paper-ball that hit me.

MORAL: Don't look for love, just let it hit you. There really is no right or wrong answer because love can't be measured to a degree or compared to anything in existence. (Advice from a true friend.)

Happy Valentine's Day

What Do You Really Want for Valentine's Day?

By CINDY HALL

A survey was done on campus to find out what people really wanted for Valentine's Day. The answers were picked to give everyone an idea of what the students of East Central really have on their minds.

GIRLS

10. A Puppy
9. A poem that he wrote
8. To be serenaded
7. Sent flowers, candy, balloons, etc.
6. Candlelight dinner
5. To receive a letter from a secret admirer
4. To receive a ring hidden inside a rosebud
3. To go on a date that he planned just for you.
2. A long-stem red rose with a personal note attached
1. To just spend the day with the one you care about

BOYS

10. A box of chocolates made to look like her
9. For her to wash his truck
8. To leave on a vacation with her for Hawaii
7. To be alone with her on a desert island
6. A mysterious love letter
5. A giant HERSHEY'S kiss
4. Just to hold her
3. A moonlit walk holding her hand
2. A candlelit dinner on a rooftop overlooking a beautiful city
1. To find true love

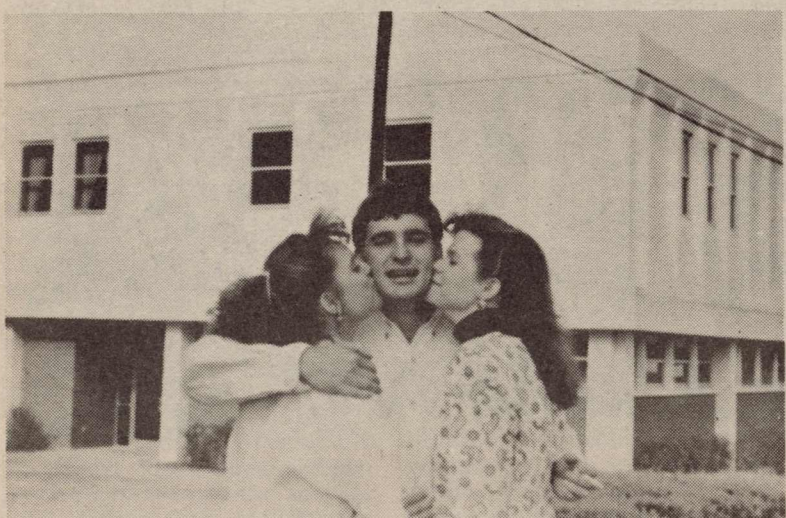
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HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY
TO ONE
AND ALL!



Rhonda Fortinberry, Heath Warren



Christie Wallace, Paul Pryor, Melissa Goss



Kristi Patrick, Brad Vincent, Angie Alderman



Tuttie Edwards, Lamont Byrd



Michael Roland, Deanna McNair

Sonic "HAPPY HOUR"



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FOUNTAIN Monday-Friday
DRINKS HALF PRICE!
FROM 2:30 to 4:30 P.M.

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WIN TOP ECCC HONORS

Sophomores Hal Land and Connie Myers have been chosen Mr. and Miss East Central Community College following the college's recent Who's Who elections. Land, 19, is the son of Harold and Amy Land of Louisville. A graduate of Louisville High School, Land is majoring in pre-pharmacy. He is involved in many campus activities and currently serves as student body president. Myers, also 19, is the daughter of Carl and Lynn Myers of Conhatta. A secondary math education major, the President's List scholar is a graduate of Sebastopol High School. She is also involved in various campus activities and is one of four students selected to serve on the college's Scholars Bowl team. Both honorees are members of the Warrior Corps, which is a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for college activities and events.

Jimmy Dempsey Named ECCC Vo-Tech Counselor

Jimmy C. Dempsey has been selected as an additional Vocational-Technical Counselor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Dempsey, 52, began his new duties effective Jan. 2, 1990. He previously served as assistant principal at Pearl River High School in Carriere, a position he held since July 1988.

The new college counselor has over 21 years of school-related experience. Prior to his arrival at Pearl River High School, Dempsey served as assistant principal/coach at Picayune Memorial High School, principal/counselor/coach at Picayune Memorial High School, counselor/coach at Warren Central High School and teacher/coach at Nanih Waiya High School.

Dempsey also brings an extensive business-related background to his new position as he previously served as production foreman for Wood Treating, Inc. in Picayune for six years. He was also associated with Metropolitan Insurance in Hattiesburg and Callender Stationery Company in Columbia.

Dempsey is a graduate of Louisville High School, Delta State College, where he received a bachelors degree in secondary



JIMMY C. DEMPSEY

education; and Mississippi State University, where he obtained a masters degree in secondary school administration and guidance education.

He has a daughter, Allyson McKay, 29, of Picayune; and a son, Wade 27, of Nashville.

East Central Women, Men Outscore Hinds

East Central Community College basketball squads gave Hinds' teams a taste of home-cookin' as the Lady Warriors and Warriors defeated the Lady Eagles and Eagles in key South Division competition Monday, Jan. 29.

The Lady Warriors, ranked eleventh nationally prior to the Hinds matchup, claimed an 81-72 victory for Coach Sammy Pace and improved their record to 14-1 overall and 7-1 in division play. The Lady Eagles fell to 11-6 and 4-4.

For the Warriors, it was sweet revenge as the EC men upset the Utica campus visitors by a 70-66 margin and avenged an earlier 114-79 loss. With the win, Jay Bowen's squad improved to 7-12 overall and 3-5 in league competition. Hinds dropped to 12-6 and 6-2.

Jackie Gladney, a freshman guard from Louisville, led the Lady Warrior offensive attack with 15 points.

Also scoring were Sadie Triplett and Shea Oakley, 12 each; Carol Boatman, 11; Paula Nash, 9; Kathy McDougale, 8; Shontel Lowe, 6; Tuttie Edwards, 5; and Beverly Ware, 3.

East Central led 36-27 at halftime. Clutch free-throw shooting by freshman Eric Mays of Gosnell, Ark.—he connected on nine of 10 free shots during the final six minutes—kept Hinds from staging a comeback and gave the Warriors a four-point victory.

Terry Thames was the leading Warrior scorer as he tallied 21 points.

Other Warrior pointmakers were Charlie Donnerson, 15, Mays, 11; Kevin Kennedy and Travis Watkins, seven each; Tyrone Bender, five; and Michael James, four.

The Warriors' leading season scorer, Tyrone Stowers, did not dress out for the conference battle.

East Central teams resume division play Monday, Feb. 5 by travel-

ing to Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit. EC will host Gulf Coast Thursday, Feb. 8 and journey to Pearl River on Monday, Feb. 12.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors close out regular season action Thursday, Feb. 15 by hosting Copiah-Lincoln.



APPLIES PRESSURE

Lady Warriors Shontel Lowe (32) and Tuttie Edwards (10) force a Hinds player out of bounds during the East Central women's 81-72 South Division victory Jan. 29.



Love On The Line



By WANDA BREEDLOVE

Can you meet the man of your dreams over the telephone? Can you fall in love with him with over a thousand miles between you? Apparently you can. Dawn Bradford did.

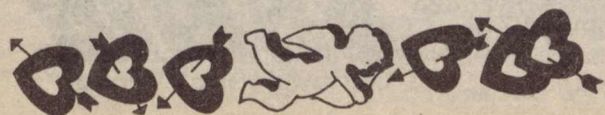
Dawn, who was 18 at the time, was working for Tri-State Funeral supplies in New York. She was one of the company's representatives. Dawn was assigned the states of Maine, Connecticut, Wisconsin and Mississippi.

It was in April 1984 on one of her many phone calls that Dawn first spoke to Joe Bradford, who was working at Bradford Funeral Home in Forest. The couple talked for a while, then they exchanged phone numbers and addresses. That was the start of a beautiful relationship.

It was during one of their many phone calls that Joe asked Dawn to marry him. Dawn said yes without ever having seen him.

In July of 1984 Dawn left her home and work, leaving only a note for her parents, who didn't think the relationship would work because of the cultural differences, to meet Joe at the Memphis, Tenn. airport. On the way back to Forest, the couple stopped at Sardis lake, where Joe gave Dawn her engagement ring. The couple was married in October of 1984.

The couple has been married for five years and in March they are planning to return to New York for a visit with Dawn's parents, whom she hasn't seen for five and a half years.



East Central Announces Fall Semester Honor Roll

Students named to the 1989 fall semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said the college honor roll includes students selected on the President's List, Dean's List, and those receiving Honorable Mention recognition.

The President's List includes students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Those named to the Dean's List earned a 3.5 grade point average or above and students selected on the Honorable Mention List maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Students named to each list and their current residence include the following:

PRESIDENT'S LIST

LEAKE COUNTY: Bethany Lynne Brantley, Carthage; Linzie Lee Dorris, Walnut Grove;

NESHOBA COUNTY: Christopher R. Chickaway, Joseph B. Eubanks, Janice Pike Johnson, Willis Brian Killen, Tracy Machele Ladd, Issaac Lyons, Eunice Morgan, Robert Duane Richardson, Pam R. Sistrunk and James Archie Woodson, all of Philadelphia;

NEWTON COUNTY: Michael Lee Acord, Karen Allen Avery, Robbie Ann Brown and Linda Faye Henley, all of Hickory; Bradley H. Blackburn, Kim Younne Eatmon, Joyce Payne Luke, Joette Carol Majure, Jimmy Dale McElhenney, Susan L. Miles and Ovid Sparks Vickers, all of Decatur;

Kenneth Lamar Bradley, Janet Thrash Bullard, Stella Ruth Dickerson, Belinda Pierce Hartsell, Richard Ladell Irons, Steven King Long, Rhonda Goodin Mapp, Mary Anita Rivers, Jody Daniel Skinner, Monica Lynn Staton and Renea Evette Thames, all of Union, Teresa Lynn Cade, Steven Eugene Davis, Dorlis Randall Ferguson, Kgeisllyar Shanta Harris, Samuel Clint Harris, Sammie Jean Jones, Leroy Robert Lewis, Angela Kaye Parnell and Sharon Seals, all of Newton;

Mary Cay Clark and Dana Leigh Gressett, both of Chunky; Leslie Kevin Ethridge, Little Rock; Mitchell Gene Graham, Debbie K. Mayes and Connie Michelle Myers, all of Conehatta;

SCOTT COUNTY: Johnny Warren Beaver, Ella M. Grisle, Benjamin James Guthrie, Robert Earl Harlson, John Wesley Hardin, Betty Joyce Harris, Stephen Marler, Patrick Farish Moore, Melissa Elaine Pryor, Christie Carol Wallace, Marcus A. Walters and Jimmy D. Wilson, all of Forest; Denna Lee Warren, Morton;

WINSTON COUNTY: Shelia Kay Hunt and Robin Gholston Matthews, both of Louisville;

OUT-OF-DISTRICT: Ryan Ashford, Starkville; Craig Dennis Callahan and Billy Mart Murphree, both of Meridian; Chris James Branning, Collinsville; and Cherry Devaye Walker, Rose Hill.

DEAN'S LIST

LEAKE COUNTY: William David Adams, Brian Stanley Carpenter, Terry Wayne Carpenter, Marla Lee Chamblee, Wanda Vernetta Edwards, Lisa Michelle Risher, Michael Parkes Roland, Emmitt A. Scott, Dexter Troy Thornton and

Phillip Joey Wilcher, all of Carthage; Samantha Dawn Jones, Jonathan Wayne Windham and Nannette Lynn Wright, all of Walnut Grove;

NESHOBA COUNTY: Marsha Lucinda Hall, Penny Dawn Melton and Melvin R. Tubby, all of Philadelphia;

NEWTON COUNTY: Tanya Harrison Aycox, Joey Wilton Bounds, William David Emmons and Mary R. Wheeler, all of Newton; Dawn Michelle Alexander and Glen Estes Harrison, both of Little Rock; Helen Gayne Bethany, Katie Michelle Dennis and Dorothy Jean Edwards, all of Lawrence;

Dean Philip Blount, Carolyn E. Haralson, Tina Miller Harris, Charles M. Hollingsworth, Karla Deann Munn and Jennifer L. Towner, all of Decatur; James Michael Clark, Melissa Lynn Hillman, Berdie Polk John and Tracy Elizabeth, all of Conehatta;

Robin Lynette Cole, Sandra Kethleen Collins, Donna Edwards, Vonda Germany Fraley, Stephanie Michele Gainey, Natasha Sue Gilmore, Vincent J. Herrington, Valley James Holder, Scott Hester McNair, Tara Leguan Vandevender and Deborah Lynn Wolverson, all of Union; Alisha Michalle Everett, Hikory; Mamie Joyce Reynolds, Chunky;

SCOTT COUNTY: Dawn Verni Bradford, Alan Ray Ezell, Jeanette Fortenberry, John Samuel Gardner, Jeremy Paul McLeomore, Kathy Denise Smith, Ronnie Lee Smith, Tommy F. Warnsley and Roger Kevin Winstead, all of Forest;

Larry A. Reeves, Tammy C. Sims and Cheryl Ann Winstead, all of Morton; Elizabeth Ann Rowell, Lake;

WINSTON COUNTY: Melissa Dawn Hatcher, Kimberly Dawn Hobby and William A. Tucker, all of Louisville;

OUT-OF-DISTRICT: John Clifton Kasper and Gregory Lee Stevens, both of Meridian; David Carey McNeil, Louin; Stephanie Ruth Patrick, Pelahatchie;

OUT-OF-STATE: James Norris Champion, Demopolis, Ala.

HONORABLE MENTION

LEAKE COUNTY: Angie Michelle Alderman, Brenton Gregory Bailey, Michael Ralph Beasley, Candie Levera Beckham, Joseph Brown, David Shan Carpenter, Joseph Lee Carpenter, Gayla Bobbie Goodwin, Lisa Leann Hardage, J. Matthew Henry, William Michael Howell, Melanie Suzette Ingram, Amy Melissa Kirby, Betty Ruth Luckette, Reginald L. Luckette, James W. Mathis, Loretta Lynn Mingo, Kimberly Kemp Murphy, Stacey Rosal Powers, John Quitman Ricks, Sheila Ann Scrivner, Alice Smith, Jamie L. Watkins, Pamela A. Watkins and Kerry Lea Wilcher, all of Carthage;

Timony Ann Bell, Michelle Denise Faulkner, Dora Kathleen Fitzhugh and Sean Paul Thornton, all of Lena; Ronald K. Fisher, Tonya Kay Henry and James Shawn Lewis, both of Walnut Grove;

NESHOBA COUNTY: Amy Ann Alford, John Alan Anthony, Susan Rene Breedlove, Martie L. Brewer, Syble D. Collins, Amy M. Cumberland, Trina Annette Daverson, Stacie Annette Ey, Melford Dewayne Farve, Timothy Lee Frazier,

William Andrew Hardy, Cody Curt Harris, Diann Leigh Ingram, Michael E. Johnson, T. Brian Jones, Randy Reed Kilpatrick, John Clay King, Elizabeth Kron, William Craig Martin, Billy Dewayne McNair, Shunda Daneese Nichols, Phillip E. Pope, Angell Dawn Posey, Henderson Edward Smith, Darlene Tubby, Nathaniel Lee Tubby, John Walter York and Kelvin Derell Young, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Karen D. Blackburn, R. Kevin Bounds, Stanley Allen Boutwell, Dennis L. Coates, William Donald Collins, Shelly Carol Crawford, Rebecca Lynn Harris, Kimerly L. Jamison, Ben Wayne Jones and Rhonda Darnell Ledlow, all of Newton; Billye Williams Bowden, Albert Thompson Germany, Claude Lafayette Greer, William McElhenney, Robin L. Milling, Judson Allan Nance, Alisa Renee Sandifer, Carliss Denise Shoemaker and Heather Weidler, all of Decatur;

Paula Jo Carter, Angela Ann Dickerson, Stephen M. Gainey, Emily Suzanne Hansford, Gregory Glenn Jackson, Eddie James Johnson, Cynthia Gail Long, Deanna Lynn McNair and Leslie Suzanne Smith, all of Union; Stephanie J. Dear, Jana Marie Fanning and Timothy Aaron Rose, all of Hickory; John Arthur Foreman and Brian Scott Oliver, both of Little Rock; Sharon Kay Griffin, Lawrence; Jeffrey Denson and Neal O'Brian Vaughn, both of Conehatta;

SCOTT COUNTY: Wilbert Dewayne Beamon, Shantelle Braggs, Jamie Dawn Douglas, Bridgette Ann Futch, Scottie Lee May, Connie Susan Money, Tony Brilton Sanders, Dennis Lashun Thomas, Billy Michael Walker and Frances Carolyn Winstead, all of Forest;

Jimmy Lamar Garland, Michelle A. Mitchell, Brian Jess Roland and Donna Lyn Warren, all of Morton; Misty Dawn Gatewood, Pulaski; Meg E. Jones, Lake;

WINSTON COUNTY: David Joe Boykin, Joey Bert Boykin, Zederick

D. Cistrunk, Anthony Bernard Clark, Jimmy Delane Commer, Frederick Scott Fulcher, Barbara Lynn Haynes, James Kennedy Humphries, Tammy Lynn Robinson and Ronnel Williams, all of Louisville; Wert Lee Spiva, Michael R. Thomas and Jodie Carol Wilkes, all of Noxapater;

OUT-OF-DISTRICT: Brent

Jonathan Fountain, Natchez; Charla Marie McFarland and James Gregory Russell, both of Collinsville, Mark Wayne Shaw and Debby Suzanne Tidmore, both of Meridian;

OUT-OF-STATE: Chad Lee McKeehan, Athens, Tenn.; and Wyatt Calvin Williams, Demopolis, Ala.



PHI BETA LAMBDA OFFICERS

Officers of East Central Community College's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter include, seated from left, Shan Carpenter of Carthage, president; Ben Guthrie, vice president, Scott Central; standing, from left, Leigh Ann Goolsby, reporter, Carthage; Pam Pace, historian, Scott Central; and Shelia Thornton, parliamentarian, Edinburg. Not pictured is Diane Marler, secretary, of Forest. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for business students whose purpose is to foster a better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general. The group is sponsored by computer technology instructor Mrs. Brenda Johnson.

LEARNING DOESN'T IMPROVE WITH DISTANCE.

Some people think that you've got to go away to college to get a quality education. Yet nothing could be further from the truth. ☐ Because thanks to America's Community, Technical and Junior Colleges, you can get a great education right in your own backyard. ☐ Without the expense of living away from home. And without giving up your full- or part- time job. What's more, tuitions average about half the cost of public four-year colleges and universities. ☐ No wonder an amazing 55% of all first time freshmen choose Community Colleges. So remember, learning doesn't improve with distance. In many ways, it gets better the closer you are to home. At America's Community Colleges.

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EC Students Attend 'Mission 90' Conference

By LINDA HENLEY

The Christmas holiday was very eventful for a group of students who went to "Mission 90" held in Texas. Along with East Central's Baptist Student Union group, there were BSU college groups from all over the United States, including six BSU groups just from Mississippi's colleges!

Over 5,000 college students met in Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 27 through Dec. 31, 1989, to attend "Mission 90." Seminars, family group meetings, and influential speakers brought a life-changing experience for all who attended.

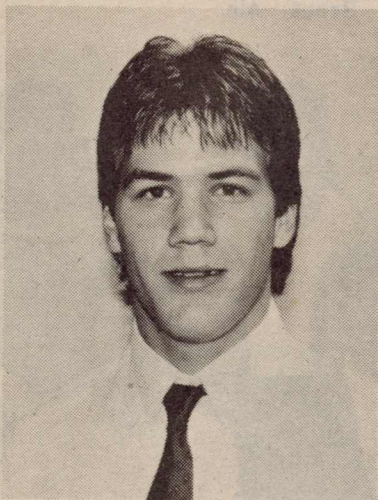
Students from East Central attending the conference were Dawn Alexander, Beulah Hubbard; Kay Cherry, Decatur; Trina Daverson, Philadelphia; Lisa Hatcher, Nanih Waiya; Linda Henley, Hickory; Stephanie Patrick, East Rankin; Kim Pierce, Decatur; Brian Roland, Morton; Mark Shaw, Meridian; and Baptist Student Union Director, Mr. Tim Glaze.

Student Opinion Poll

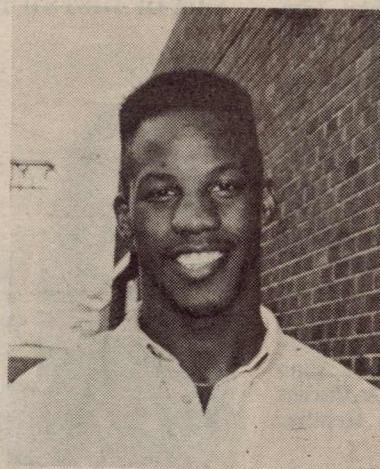
If you could receive a Valentine from anyone on this campus, who would you want it to be from?

By MISSY SMITH

Photos By KIM WEDGEWORTH



Charlie Moorehead, 20, Forest:
"Ms. Wood."



Hayes K. Petty, 19, Tuscaloosa, Ala.: "Tosha Bolton."



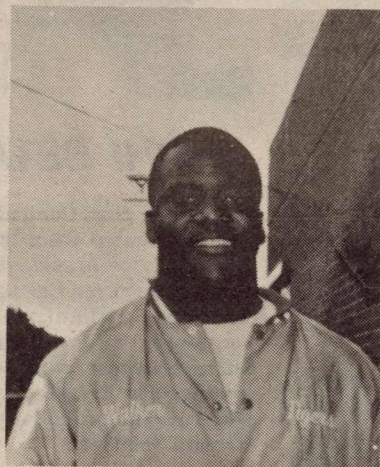
Kim Cashio, 18, Livonia, La.:
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Donnie Montgomery, 20, Neshoba Central: "Kim Wedgeworth."



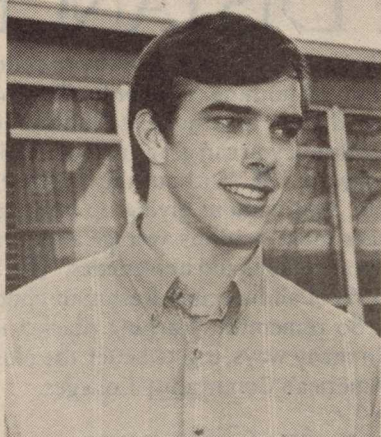
Anthony Walker, 18, Demopolis, Ala.: "Crystal Judon."



Stacy Radigan, 20, Oxford, MS:
"Mr. Ovid Vickers."



Marnette Davenport: "Travis Walters."



Bruce Mainka, 19, Leake Academy: "Stephanie Patrick."



Pam Gilmer, 18, Neshoba Central: "Claude."

Book Prices Aren't Going Any Lower

By JIM HOLDER

As we enter a new semester, East Central students once again find themselves facing the dilemma of skyrocketing prices. Although no one expects textbooks to be cheap, students have witnessed a dramatic increase in costs, particularly the past three years.

The biggest problem is the fact that the prices may not be going down anytime soon. Mr. Harvey Trapp, East Central's business manager, sets the prices for new books. Although he actually prices the books for less than the publishers suggest, he agrees that the expenses have become outrageous. According to Mr. Trapp, even yearbook prices have tripled in

the past eight years.

Older editions of books are handled differently; these prices are determined based upon the figuring of the state auditor, who inspects the books annually.

The publishers of the new books cannot really be blamed for the high costs. With all the expenses, particularly paper and chemicals, publishers are forced to raise prices with each new edition.

The only good news for the students is that they usually get half their money back. But even with this bargain, most still find themselves shelling out hundreds of dollars per semester. Unfortunately we have to pay heavily for progress.

Teacher Spotlight on Barrier

By DAWN BRADFORD
and TIMONY BELL

If you haven't already done so, take a minute to go by and meet or talk with Mr. Leonard Barrier. When you do, you will be very proud that he is now part of the East Central faculty. His soft spokenness, pleasant sense of humor and approachability make him an asset to our English department.

A native of Neshoba County, Mr. Barrier graduated from East Central in 1974, went on to Mississippi College and earned his bachelor's degree in 1976, and by 1978 had earned his master's degree from Mississippi College.

Mr. Barrier has been teaching for about 13 years. He started out teaching seventh grade science, but didn't stay with it because it would have required that he go back to school, and teaching seventh grade wasn't what he wanted to make a career of. "Some science would be o.k., but not seventh grade. Those seventh graders are a little too energetic for me," he reasoned.

"My ninth grade English teacher was the inspiration that I had, and ever since being in her class I've wanted to teach English," was Mr. Barrier's reply when asked what led him to teach English. "I've always enjoyed English because I had good English teachers," he concluded.

Mr. Barrier's favorite hobby is attending the flea market in

Philadelphia. "I am addicted to the flea market. Only heavy rains and bitter cold weather keep me away," he stated. He has raised animals his entire life and sells everything from rabbits and geese to puppies and kittens—and junk. "I am a rummage person. One woman called me a dumpster digger," he admitted. Mr. Barrier said that he like looking at what the other people had to sell rather than selling his merchandise. "I always find something I want. If I decide I don't like it, I can always sell it again," he laughed.

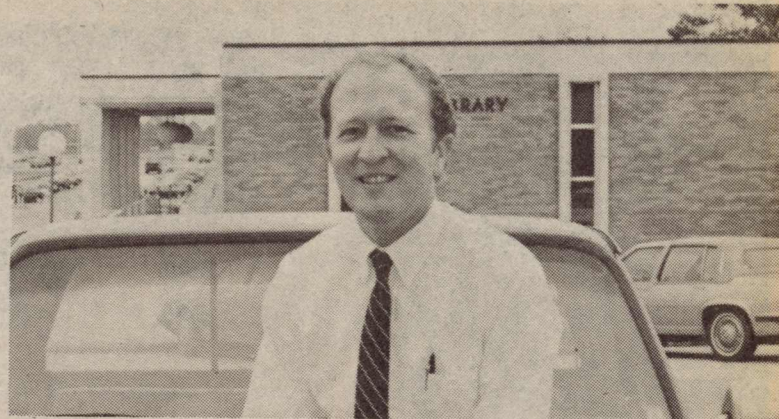
His office decor consists of a bookshelf he purchased at the flea market for ten dollars and a table that cost two dollars. "The bookshelf might not be beautiful, but the books look better in it than they do piled on the floor," he said with a smile.

When Mr. Barrier was asked what brought him back to East Central, his reply was one that should make all of us proud to be students here. "I've always wanted to be at East Central. I loved East Central as a student and could have stayed here as a student forever if I could have afforded it," he said proudly.

Mr. Barrier said he especially like teaching at East Central in comparison with high school. "I like the fact that the students are adults and don't have to be watched. I don't feel like if I turned my back to the class I'd get hit in the back of the head with a piece of chalk," he laughed.

What is the key to doing well in his class? "Making good grades is pleasing the teacher. It may not reflect at all what the student knows, but if he doesn't put it on the test paper, I can't give him credit for it."

*Happy
Valentine's
Day February 14th*



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

English instructor, Mr. Leonard Barrier, the subject of this issue's "Teacher Spotlight." (Photo by Del Crocker)

Student Spotlight Joey Boykin

By CHRIS LITTLE
Photo By DEL CROCKER

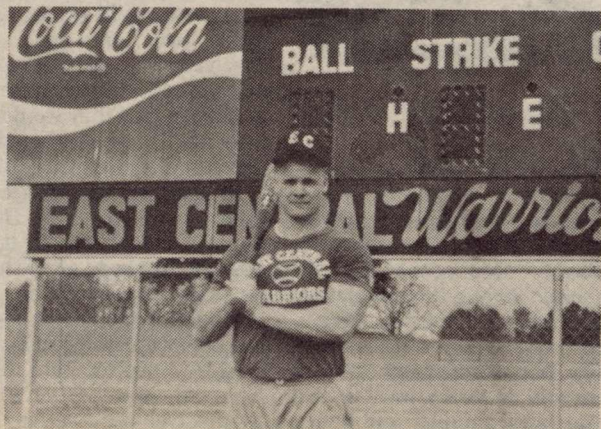
Joey Boykin, a sophomore here at ECCC, not only excels in baseball, but also maintains a 3.5 GPA in pre-law studies.

Boykin, who played catcher for Winston Academy proved his athletic ability by making all conference four years and all state three years.

As an outfielder and D. H. for ECCC's baseball club, Boykin says that baseball is a challenging sport and something that has to be worked on everyday. He looks for the team to go to the state playoffs this year since they set a record here at ECCC last year with 21 wins and a 10-2 record in the fall.

Boykin hopes to attend Ole Miss to play baseball and further his law studies.

The Warriors begin baseball action Feb. 19 at Clarke College.



Which college sport in this picture runs on batteries?



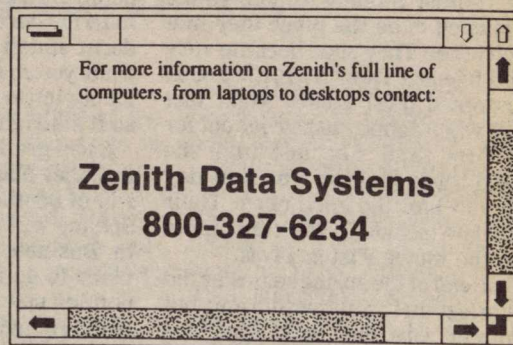
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CAMPUS COUPLE RECITES VOWS

Newlyweds Candie and Johnny Beaver. (Photo by Jones Steel)

Campus Couple Recites Vows Over Christmas Holidays

By JOHN KING and KIM WEDGEWORTH

Following their senior year of high school, neither Johnny Beaver nor Candie Beckham planned on attending East Central Community College. Johnny, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Beaver and a graduate of Scott Central, decided at the last minute to further his education here at East Central. As fate would have it, Candie, a graduate of Edinburg High and the daughter of Pearl Beckham, also made the choice to attend EC.

While both were freshmen here last year, they were very active in the Baptist Student Union, which happened to be the place they met each other. They soon became very good friends. Their friendship soon blossomed until Senior Night last year, when Johnny asked her out for the first time. She told him she would think about it. The next day she told him the good news. Their first date included a Mexican dinner and the movie *Fletch Lives*.

The end of the spring semester did not affect their relationship any, but summer jobs did. Soon after the completion of their freshman year, Johnny left for Gulf Shores, while Candie departed for Washington, D. C. Their only communication during the next two months was by phone. After Candie returned from D. C., Johnny made the trip back home every weekend to see her. Upon finishing up his work in Gulf Shores, Johnny returned home for a short

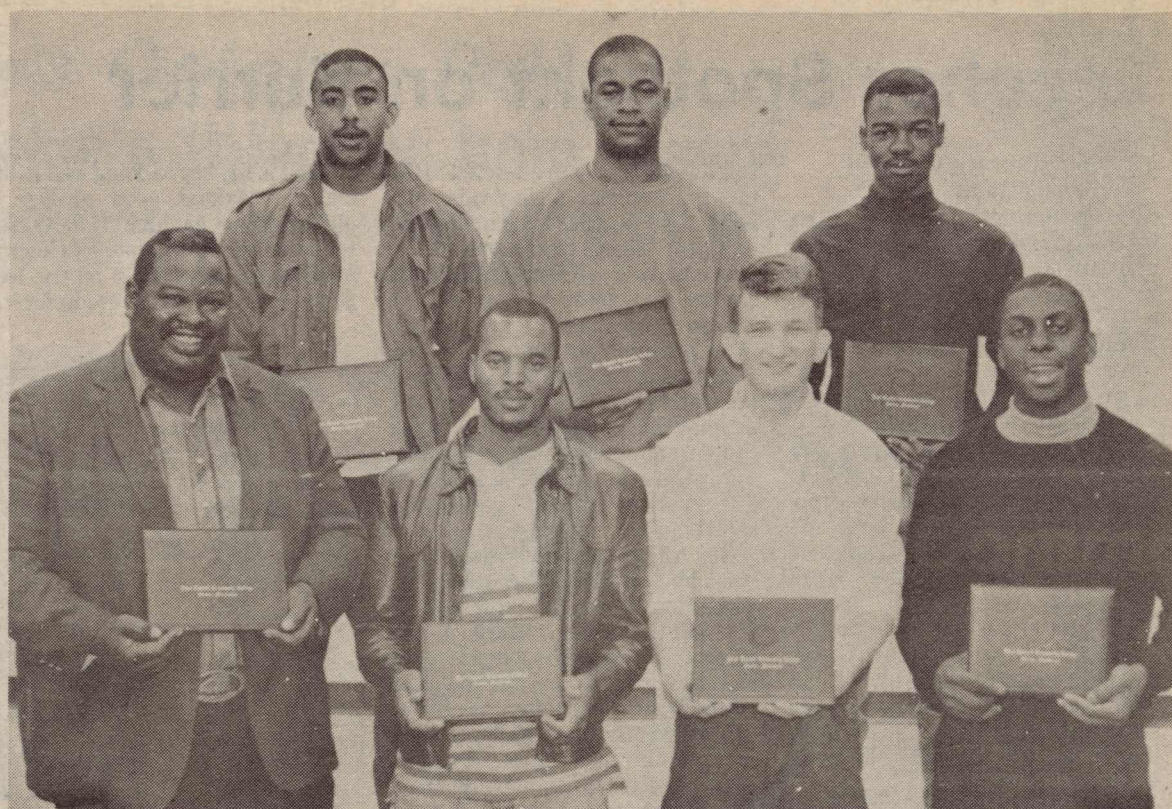
period of time before he had to leave for San Diego. While at home, he popped the question to Candie in front of both of their families.

The initial date of marriage was set for June 2, 1990, but was juggled around somewhat until the couple decided to tie the knot on Dec. 22, 1989. On what turned out to be the coldest night recorded this century, Zion Hill Church in Edinburg hosted Johnny and Candie as they exchanged vows. After a short honeymoon, they returned home to spend Christmas with their families.

At the start of second semester, the newlyweds moved into their new home in Leake Hall, East Central's married dorm. When asked how the dorm suited them, they said "It's what you make of it. We've hung a lot of pictures, and fixed it up a bit, so it's alright."

Upon graduation from East Central, they plan to move to the University of Southern Mississippi, where Johnny will continue his education in Business Administration, with plans to go into ministry, which is nothing new for him since being ordained at age 17. Candie will accompany him at USM where she will finish up her degree in Secondary Education-English.

While being married and full time students at the same time, they know one thing for sure. Both agree that "marriage could not be possible without the blessings that God has given us."



RECEIVE ECCC CERTIFICATES

These vocational students at East Central Community College in Decatur were among those who recently received certificates of completion and were recognized during the 1989 fall semester Vocational-Technical Graduation Program. Graduates and their programs of study include, front row, from left, Rev. Rubin Tatum of Lawrence, Basic Automotive Body and Fender Repair; Ken McKinney of Philadelphia, Advanced Automotive Mechanics; Jimmy McElhenney of Decatur, Basic Automotive Mechanics; Greg Fulton of Philadelphia, Advanced Carpentry and Cabinet Making; back row, from left, Ron Williams of Louisville, Welding; Kevin Kennedy of Lena and William Mann of Carthage, both graduates of the Basic Automotive Body and Fender Repair program. Others receiving certificates who are not pictured include Mary Margarita Roncali of Newton, Administrative Secretary; Timothy Lee Frazier of Philadelphia; Advanced Automotive Mechanics; Bradley H. Blackburn of Decatur, Advanced Carpentry and Cabinet Making; and Teresa L. Cade and Ruby Nell Stokes, both of Newton, Catherine Floyd of Louisville and Brenda Tidmore of Meridian, all Cosmetology graduates.



SCHOLARS BOWL TEAM

These members of the college's Scholars Bowl Team and their advisor have been busily preparing for the upcoming statewide competition which is scheduled Feb. 16-17 at the University of Mississippi. Having to study a little more than their normal routine requires in preparing for the prestigious trophy are, from left, Heather Weidler of Decatur; Connie Myers, Sebastopol; Cindy Hall, Neshoba Central; and Dana Gressett, Hickory. In back is advisor Dr. Shelby Harris. The four female students have a cumulative grade point average of 3.63 and should do "very well" in the two-day event, said Dr. Harris. All 15 of the state's community and junior college districts are expected to be represented in the competition. East Central teams have twice won the Scholars Bowl award.

Dean's Office Plans Activities, Expresses Thanks

By JOHN KING

With spring semester registration complete, the Dean of Students office has been busy organizing a full slate of activities for the remainder of the school year. Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Students here at East Central is busy putting the finishing touches on the semester calendar.

Dr. Sutphin, along with the SBA, has recently completed Who's Who elections on campus. In the latest SBA meeting, dates and plans were discussed for Spring Formal and Spring Spree. Dr. Sutphin also indicated that the Student Body Association will sponsor a comedy show on campus, "In All Seriousness," Sutphin asks that anyone who has ideas concerning activities that they would like to see here at EC come by his office in the Student Services Building.

In light of the tragic death of fellow student Nancy Hughes, Dr. Sutphin would like to express his sincere thanks to all of the students for their cooperation and sympathy during this unfortunate event. "No one can prepare for such a tragedy," said Dr. Sutphin, "but the students here at East Central handled themselves very well in this time of grief. The students are to be commended."

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'Senior Day' Scheduled March 29 at East Central

East Central Community College officials and students will "roll out the red carpet" for visiting high school seniors during the college's annual Senior Day activities scheduled Thursday, March 29, announced Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of students.

Dr. Sutphin said registration will be held from 9:30 to 10 a. m. in front of Huff Auditorium with entertainment provided by the college's Jazz Band and Conehatta Blues Connection.

The visiting students will be asked to assemble at 10 a. m. in Huff Auditorium where a 30-minute program is planned. Program participants include Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; Dr. Sutphin; Hal Land of Louisville, student body association president; East Central cheerleaders and college talent show winners. Also scheduled will be the showing of slide photos taken of high school seniors throughout the five-county district.

Campus tours are scheduled from 10:30 a. m. to 12 noon with information being provided on the college's

various programs of study. The visiting students will also be informed concerning the school's many clubs, organizations and extracurricular activities.

The dean of students said the college will furnish lunch with hamburgers and sundaes being served, along with other items, on the East Mall. During the lunch hour, entertainment will be provided by the ECCC "DJ."

A special one-hour concert will be held beginning at 1 p. m. featuring Collegians, the college's vocal-instrumental pop group, which is also scheduled in the mall area. During the concert performance, many door prizes will be given away.

Following the Collegians' performance, tryouts for athletic teams, band, cheerleaders, Centralettes and Warrior Corps will take place beginning at 2 p. m.

For further information concerning Senior Day activities please contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327 or phone 635-2111, ext. 204.

Community, Junior College Presidents Seek Support

Citing a rapidly approaching "crisis" in higher education funding, Mississippi's university, community and junior college presidents are urging legislators "to recognize the serious and pressing needs of the state institutions and of the some 150,000 Mississippians who attend and work in them."

The education leaders are asking support for the joint \$105 million higher education budget increase which has received full backing from respective boards of trustees.

In an open letter to the state's lawmakers, the university and college presidents issued the following statements:

"We speak not only as institutional leaders but as parents and citizens concerned for our state's future. The success of every business and industry in Mississippi depends on the quality of our graduates, whether they attend universities or community colleges.

"Today's students are tomorrow's health care workers, teachers and business people. These students both need and deserve the best education we can provide. Failure to pay salaries adequate to attract and

keep qualified faculty will doom our students to a second-rate education and a second-rate future. Failure to adequately equip our classrooms, libraries, laboratories and computer centers will place our graduates—and our state—at a serious disadvantage in the competitive job market of the 1990's."

(See SUPPORT, page 3)

New Vo-Tech Programs Announced

Three new vocational-technical programs have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur and will be offered beginning with the 1990 fall term, according to O. L. Newell, director of the college's Vocational-Technical Center.

Newell said three programs, Precision Machining Technology, Automated Manufacturing Technology and Metal Fabrication

(See VO-TECH, page 4)



STATE TOURNAMENT RUNNERS-UP

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors captured the runners-up spot in the state community/junior college women's basketball tournament held Feb. 26-27 on the Booneville campus of Northeast Mississippi Community College and are shown with the second-place trophy. The East Central women, ranked 10th in the latest national poll, defeated Northwest 80-79 in semi-final action and fell to host Northeast 82-70 in the championship matchup. For the Lady Tigers, it was their sixth consecutive state tournament title. East Central, 20-4 overall, advances to Region 23 competition scheduled March 5-8 at Mississippi College. Lady Warrior team members include, seated from left, Beverly Ware, Forest; Tonya Stowers, Scott Central; Marcell Gray, Carthage; Jackie Gladney, Louisville; Kathy McDougale, Union; Victoria Banks, Morton; standing, from left, manager Diana Davidson, Sebastopol; Carolyn Boatman, Carthage; Sadie Triplett and Shea Oakley, both of Louisville; Shontel Lowe, Alexandria, Louisiana; Paula Nash, Carthage; Tuttle Edwards, Jonesboro, Louisiana; manager Connie Money, Scott Central; and Coach Sammy Pace.

ECCC Players to Present 'Damn Yankees' April 4-7

By JIM HOLDER

The East Central Community College Players will be presenting the Richard Adler-Jerry Ross musical "Damn Yankees" Wednesday, April 4 through Saturday, April 7 in the Fine Arts Center.

"Damn Yankees" is the tale of a lifelong Washington Senators' fan named Joe Boyd (Brian Roland). Boyd agrees to sell his soul to the Devil, also known as Mr. Applegate (Derek Rogers), in order for his beloved Senators to climb from last place to first. Applegate forces Boyd to leave his wife, Meg, (Tracy Weaver) and transforms him into a young phenom named Joe Hardy (Phillip Pope). Nevertheless, Applegate is out for more than Joe

Boyd's soul.

Showtime for each night of the musical is 7:30 p. m. Tickets go on sale March 28, with general admission tickets costing \$6 and \$3 for EC students, faculty, and staff. Reserved tickets may be ordered by calling 635-2126 between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

This is the twenty-first musical directed by Mr. Bruce Peterson. The cast was named several weeks ago, and some of the cast members recently gave some thoughts on being in the play.

Jay Mathis plays Van Buren, manager of the hapless Washington Senators. Said Mathis of his role, "I went out for this role because I'm an avid baseball fan. Van Buren is not

very profound compared to other characters I've played because he puts baseball before everything."

Phillip Pope plays the lead role of Joe Hardy, a younger version of Joe Boyd. When asked why he auditioned for the lead, he replied, "It's more fun to be in the lead position. This character is susceptible to a few things, but he is still an all-American boy. What sets this role apart is that I liked all the songs."

Kimberly Hobby plays Lola, an assistant to Applegate who first tries to seduce Joe Hardy but later falls in love with him. When asked how she felt about her first acting role, she answered, "I'm happy, but I'm scared to death. When I read the

(See PLAYERS, page 3)

Legislature Honors ECCC Instructor, Student

East Central Community College instructor Miss Lucille Wood and adult student Mrs. Joyce Payne Luke of Decatur were among 78 outstanding faculty and student members from Mississippi universities, colleges, community/junior colleges and proprietary institutions who were recognized by the Mississippi Legislature on Feb. 13 during the third annual HEADWAE program.

The special observance, known as Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence, was initiated in 1988 to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

The distinguished honorees represented 39 institutions from throughout the state and were selected by their institutions based on scholastic performance, experience, teaching record and other factors.

Miss Wood, a native of Louisville, has been an instructor of health, physical education and recreation at East Central since 1956. She teaches health, first aid, introduction to physical education, recreational leadership, tennis and fitness and conditioning.

For many years, Miss Wood served as women's basketball coach and was instrumental in intercollegiate women's athletics in both the junior and senior institutions in Mississippi. She guided her Warriorette teams to four state championships and three division titles. In 1954 Miss Wood assisted in organizing junior college tennis competition as it is today.

In 1986, Miss Wood became the first woman to be inducted into the East Central Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame. The Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building is named in honor of Miss Wood and fellow athlete-coach General Denver Brackeen.

Miss Wood is a graduate of Louisville High School, East Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi, where she holds bachelors and masters degrees.

After a 20-year interval between her graduation at Hickory High School and enrollment into college,



LEGISLATURE HONORS WOOD, LUKE

East Central Community College instructor Miss Lucille Wood, seated, and sophomore adult student Mrs. Joyce Payne Luke of Decatur, were honored along with other outstanding university and college representatives during the Mississippi Legislature's annual HEADWAE program held Feb. 13.

Mrs. Luke is aiming toward a degree in Library Science with minor emphasis in English. She plans to become a library-media specialist for K-12 grades.

At East Central, Mrs. Luke, a sophomore, has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average and was named to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES. Along with being a President's List Scholar, she holds membership in Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity for two-year college students, and Student Education Association, an organization which gives students practical experience in teacher-teacher and teacher-student relations.

She is married to Robert Luke who is general manager for Farm Bureau Insurance Agency in Decatur. They have three children,

Richard, 17, a senior at Decatur High School; Becky, 15, a freshman at Decatur and Dan, 9, a third grade student at Boler Elementary School in Decatur.

Following her graduation from East Central in May, 1990, Mrs. Luke plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

Rep. Mike Parker, D-Miss., was featured at the annual HEADWAE luncheon. House Speaker Pro Tem Cecil Simmons served as master of ceremonies. Other participants included Gov. Ray Mabus, Lieutenant Gov. Brad Dye, House Speaker Tim Ford, and Senate President Pro Tem Glen DeWeese.

Officials from the various institutions, the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning, the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges, and the State Board of Community and Junior Colleges also were present.

In addition to the luncheon, the honorees visited the Senate Capitol where they were introduced to the State Senate and to the House of Representatives.



CHOIR LEAVES FOR FESTIVAL

Prior to leaving for the Mississippi Community-Junior College Choral Festival, these members of the East Central Concert Choir take time out for a snapshot. The festival, in which 525 college students attended and 14 colleges were represented, was held Feb. 23-24, 1990, at Hinds Community College. Choir members attending included Mark Branning, Kay Cherry, Darlene Crane, Robert Ferguson, Brent Fountain, Pamela Gilmer, Linda Henley, Tonya Henry, Rosetta Howard, Diann Ingram, Scott Lewis, Charla McFarland, Deanna McNair, Phillip Pope, Brian Roland, Brian Waddell, Dewayne Till, Bethany Jinkerson, Tami Griffin, Sandra Collins, Melinda McMullan, Vicky Cumberland and Tammy Commans. The Concert Choir is under the direction of Charles Hinson and accompanist Leesa Lee. (Article by Linda Henley; photo by Del Crocker.)

Several Students Will Attend Phi Beta Lambda Convention

By LEE CHAMBLEE

A Phi Beta Lambda State Convention will be held April 19-20 in Tupelo. Those students in Phi Beta Lambda who will be attending will leave April 18 and will be staying at the Ramada Inn. The competition will be among Junior and Senior colleges. The skilled events will be held at Itawamba Community College.

The names of students and what they will be competing in follows: Syble Collins-Administrative Assistant Typist; Ben Guthrie-Accounting I; Lou Ann Averette-Administrative Assistant Secretary; Lee Chamblee-Computer Applications for Business; Becky Wheeler-Computer Concepts; Leigh Ann

Goolsby-Business Law; Tommy Butler-Job Interview; and Sheila Scrivner-Machine Transcription.

In addition to those competing, the following students will also be attending: Tabby Breazeale, Shelia Thornton, Pam Pace, Abraham Jones, Gerald Triplett, Stella Dickerson, Angela Dickerson, Desire Smith, Annie Brown, Bonnie Mowdy, Janet Bullard, Dianne Marler and Shan Carpenter.

If any of those competing should place first or second in the State Convention, they will go on to compete in the National Convention, which will be held in Washington, D. C. in July.



EC ALUMNUS DISPLAYS ARTWORK

Currently on display in the Fine Arts Center lobby at East Central Community College in Decatur is artwork by alumnus Mike Mott in which a new medium—PSP Images—is illustrated by the Decatur native. Mott, 29, is shown above with just two of his many graphic illustrations which feature science fiction/fantasy themes. The freelance artist and graphic designer will present his illustrations next fall at the Park Avenue Atrium of Olympia and York in New York. His show is entitled: "In Dreams Awake: Art of Fantasy." Mott, son of William R. and Betty J. Mott of Decatur, is a graduate of Decatur High School, East Central Junior College and Mississippi State University where he received a bachelor of arts degree in commercial art. At MSU, Mott graduated cum laude with a 3.51 grade point average. He is a member of ASFA, the Association of Science Fiction Artists.

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Co-sponsors are Dr. Jeff Smith and Bubby Johnston.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Collegians Plan Trip to Disney World

By KIM WEDGEWORTH

What do you do with 19 talented musicians who enjoy playing music and singing, when summertime comes?

Mr. Thomas W. Carson, director and guitar player for the Collegians, knows the answer to that question.

For the past few years Mr. Carson has been thinking about taking the Collegians somewhere other than high schools or dances.

Last semester he wrote Disney World for information. They sent him an application to fill out and told him to send an audio or video tape of their performance. He sent them an application along with an audio and video tape of their fall concert.

The reason Mr. Carson thought about Disney World was because in 1975, when Mr. Carson himself at-

tended East Central and was a member of the Collegians, they made the trip to Disney World, and he thoroughly enjoyed it.

They were accepted for May 23, and they will be playing at the Disney World Village Market Place on the "Dock" stage. They are playing at two high schools in Pensacola, Fla. before their Disney World show.

The Collegians are funding the trip themselves. Each member has to raise at least \$268. Altogether they have to raise \$6,000 to cover expenses. They will be doing dances and other activities to raise the money and are also taking donations.

Any contributions will be greatly appreciated and should be sent to Mr. Carson by April 1. The contributions will be tax deductible.

★ Players

play, I thought this part was the most exciting because it is totally different from my lifestyle."

Tracy Weaver portrays Meg, the caring wife of Joe Boyd. Unlike Hobby, she believes it is easier to play a role closer to one's self: "In the Dinner Theater I was an old woman, but Meg is middle-aged. I think it is easier to play someone closer to your age."

Derek Rogers has the role of the evil antagonist Applegate. However, he almost didn't go out for the role: "I didn't think of trying out until Mr. Peterson asked me. I didn't want to sing because I was afraid of it—and

I still am. It was just the momentum of going right up there and doing it."

Brian Roland plays Joe Boyd, the diehard Senators fan. He believes the audience will enjoy not only his character but the entire show itself: "Most people who come to the musicals expect to see the cast having fun. They plan on seeing a good show, which is what we are going to try to give them."

Other cast members include Andy Hardy, Stacy Radigan, Pam Gilmer, Stephanie Gainey, Brent Fountain, Jade French and Jim Holder.

ECCC SOPHOMORE FAVORITES

Sophomore favorites chosen at East Central Community College following the recent Who's Who elections include, front row, from left, Tuttie Edwards, Jonesboro, Louisiana; Stephanie Patrick, East Rankin Academy; Kimberly Hobby, Winston Academy; back row, from left, Wert Spiva, Noxapater; Bruce Mainka, Leake Academy; Brian Senn, Demopolis, Alabama; and Joey Boykin, Winston Academy.

★ Support

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president of East Central Community College in Decatur, said the "most vital need" at East Central is raising salaries of faculty and other personnel to the midpoint level between K-12 teachers and university professors. "We must have support of our legislators during the session to help us avert this approaching crisis," said Dr. Smith.

The state institutions, according to reports, currently enroll or employ almost six percent of the state's total operating budget of almost \$1 billion which makes higher education one of the state's largest enterprises. Of that amount, educators said the state's appropriation represents about 38 percent, a sum that serves "as the indispensable foundation for our growth and development."

In making their appeal to state legislators, the university and college presidents listed the following statements concerning higher education:

*Public higher education in Mississippi is a \$996-million-dollar-a-year business;

*Students, faculty and staff represent six percent of the state's population;

*Almost 120,000 students attend community and junior colleges and universities;

*Approximately 15,000 degrees and certificates are awarded annually;

*Universities and community colleges employ 25,000 people (17,000 state-funded employees);

*Over 33.6 million square feet of space make up the campuses;

*Approximately 20,000 adults were trained or retrained for industry in Mississippi's community colleges during 1988-89;

*The university system operates the state's largest and most advanced

health care facility;

*The community colleges and universities have a combined yearly payroll of almost \$600 million;

*Approximately \$85 million was awarded to Mississippi universities for research and development in 1988-89;

*Agriculture research and service make a significant contribution to all 82 counties, supporting Mississippi's largest industry—one that has an annual production value of more than \$3 billion; and

*Universities and community colleges train almost all the state's health care professionals.

In explaining the "approaching crisis," the following statements were issued concerning needs for increased funding:

-Many public schools can pay a starting salary of \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year more than community colleges in the state;

-Millions of federal dollars go unclaimed because universities lack matching funds, impeding the ability of our universities to acquire these funds for research and for the training of graduate students;

-The majority of buildings were built before 1970; these buildings need renovations, waterproofing, roofing, air conditioning and boiler replacement;

-Critical areas such as computer science, business and allied health are understaffed, limiting student access to professors in a time of enrollment growth;

-Hundreds of faculty members will retire in the next ten years, with chances for replacement hurt by the predicted nationwide faculty shortage and the inability to pay competitive salaries;

-Students are being taught on outdated equipment;

-Many statewide problems (wastewater discharge, insect con-

trol, soil research) go unsolved because of restrictive funding for programs and research; and

-An absence of technology and limited library collections and services put students at a disadvantage.



CAST FOR ECCC'S 'DAMN YANKEES'

Cast members for East Central Community College's musical production of "Damn Yankees" include, front row, from left, Jim Holder, Union; Stacy Williamson and Kevin Hearn, both of Philadelphia; Rosetta Howard, Noxapater; Ronald Burton, Philadelphia; Dawn Alexander, Little Rock; Brent Fountain, Natchez; second row, from left, Jay Mathis, Carthage; Kimberly Hobby, Louisville; Phillip Pope, Philadelphia; Tracy Weaver, Conchatta; top row, from left, Jade French, Decatur; Stacy Radigan, Oxford; Derek Rogers, Forest; Stephanie Gainey, Union; and Pam Gilmer, Philadelphia. Not pictured are Brian Roland of Morton and Andy Hardy of Philadelphia. Directed by speech-drama instructor Bruce Peterson, "Damn Yankees" will be presented April 4-7 (Wednesday through Saturday) in the Fine Arts Center auditorium with each performance beginning at 7:30 p. m. Tickets are \$6 per person and may be reserved by calling the college at 635-2126 after March 28.

Mississippi Symphony Will Perform March 22 on East Central Campus

The campus of East Central Community College in Decatur will serve as site for one of the season's most anticipated events as the college and Pepsi Cola Bottlers of Jackson have teamed to present the Mississippi Symphony Pops Orchestra in a special one-night performance.

The Pepsi Pops Orchestra will be held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, March 22, 1990 in Huff Auditorium.

Conductor Colman Pearce and the 45-piece orchestra will perform numerous popular selections such as themes from "Gone with the Wind" and "Star Wars" as well as works by American composers Aaron Copland, Scott Joplin and Feide Grofe.

The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra is the large performing arts organization in the state. The group began in 1944 as the Jackson Symphony Orchestra and became MSO last year. The symphony performs across the state as a chamber orchestra, a full orchestra, pops orchestra or any of three ensembles—woodwind quintet, brass quintet and string quartet.

Advance tickets to the Pepsi Pops Concert are available at \$5 per person and can be purchased at the college. Funding is also being provided by a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission and a donation from Pepsi Cola Company.

For further information please contact Mr. Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi 39327 or phone 635-2111, extension 279.



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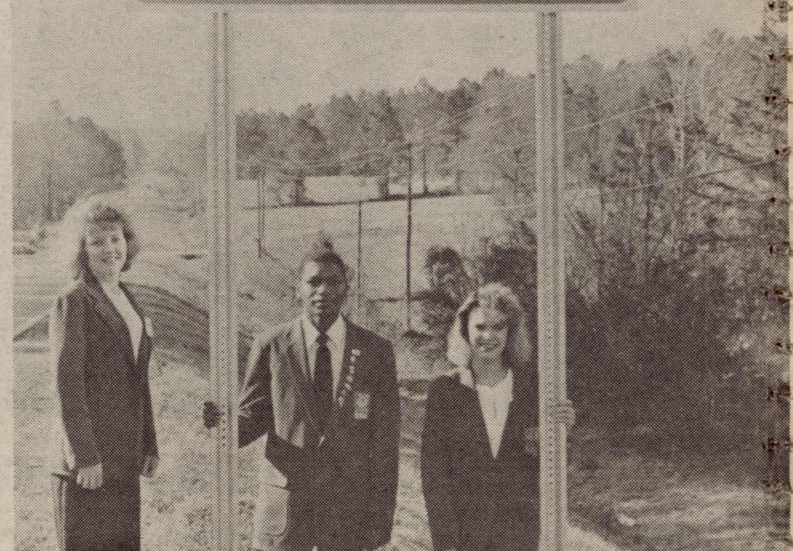
Mississippi Symphony conductor Colman Pearce whose 45-piece orchestra will perform March 22 in the college's Huff Auditorium.



ECCC WARRIOR CORPS

Members of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for college activities and events, include, first row, from left, Stephanie Gainey, Union; Bethany Brantley, Leake Academy; Kim Alford, Carthage; Missy Smith, Neshoba Central; Jana Fanning, Hickory; Kimberly Hobby, Winston Academy; Leigh Ann Goolsby, Carthage; second row, from left, Diana Davidson, Sebastopol; Timony Bell, Morton; Connie Myers, Sebastopol; Shea Oakley, Louisville; Stephanie Patrick, East Rankin Academy; Amy Alford, Neshoba Central; Michalle Everett, Hickory; Heather Weidler, Decatur; John King, Philadelphia; back row, from left, Andy Hardy, Philadelphia; Hal Land, Louisville; Jay Kerr, Newton; Linzie Dorris, South Leake; Ovid Vickers III, Decatur; Reed Kilpatrick, Neshoba Central; Chad Driskell, Scott Central; and Shan Carpenter, Carthage. Not pictured are Victoria Banks and Randy Baugh, both of Morton; B. J. Hailey and Robbie Palmieri, both of Louisville; Karen Valentine, Newton; and Kristi Patrick, Carthage. Academic counselor Gregg Jefcoat serves as sponsor.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
LITTER CONTROL
NEXT 3 MILES
ECCC VICA



PARTICIPATE IN CLEAN-UP PROJECT

Members of the East Central Community College VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) chapter are participating in the "Adopt-a-Highway Litter Control" program and have been assigned this three-mile stretch of Highway 15 south of Decatur. Pictured are, from left, Debbie Mayes of Conehatta, club secretary; Tony Sanders of Forest, chaplain and state reporter; and club member Renee Pope of Union.

★ Vo-Tech

Technology, should help establish East Central as the "hi-tech training center for Central Mississippi." Funding for the programs is provided by the State Bureau of Vocational-Technical and Adult Education.

The vo-tech director said the programs of study are being offered "at the request and need" of several area industries. Newell said the college will continue to work closely with local industries in providing the kind of work force "required and needed" by each plant. He said students enrolled in either program will receive the finest instruction available to enable them to become a first-rate employee for industry.

The three programs have been developed over a period of three years with input from manufacturing firms in the area, the staff from the State Bureau of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education, other community colleges with similar programs, national representatives of equipment companies and East Central staff members who will be providing instruction in the three new areas.

The East Central official said college instructors have visited other colleges, attended planning sessions in Indiana and Michigan and visited industries that are tooling up for automated processes.

"We believe East Central Community College will have one of the most progressive instructional programs in the region in manufacturing processes. We plan to tie five technical program areas together with a network of computers and use the latest in technical equip-

ment. The college is presently bidding approximately \$300,000 in additional equipment for startup of the programs," Newell said.

Descriptions of each program are as follows:

AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY

The program is designed to prepare students for employment in Automated Manufacturing Technology in business, industry and government as a Systems Analyst (hardware and software) at the entry level for employment.

PRECISION MACHINING TECHNOLOGY

The program is designed to prepare students for employment in manufacturing job shops and government as a machinist trained in computer programming and operation of CNC machines and other associated automated equipment.

METAL FABRICATION TECHNOLOGY

The program is designed to prepare students for employment in the metal fabrication industry as a machine fabrication technician, trained in welding techniques, programming, operation of CNC machines and other associated automated equipment.

For further information concerning the new programs, please contact O. L. Newell, Director, Vocational-Technical Center, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327 or phone 635-2111, ext. 211.



ECCC FASHION SQUAD

Members of the East Central Community College Fashion Squad include, first row, from left, Linda Henley, Hickory; Libby Hamil, Decatur; Nichole Sanders, Lake; Missy Smith, Neshoba Central; second row, from left, Kristi Patrick, Leake Academy; third row, from left, Angie Alderman, Leake Academy; Amy Crawford, Lake; Tabatha Breazeale, Neshoba Central; Deanna McNair, Beulah Hubbard; Desire' Smith, Scott Central; Renessa Barton, South Leake; top row, from left, Tuttie Edwards, Jonesboro, Louisiana; Laura Johnson (narrator), Leake Academy; and Michalle Everett, Hickory. Not pictured are narrators Angie Fountain of Lake and Sherri Williamson of Nanih Waiya. Mrs. Alice Pouncey serves as sponsor.



PHI THETA KAPPA INITIATES

These East Central students were recently tapped for membership in Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary fraternity for community and junior college students, and include, seated from left, Elizabeth Rowell, Lake; Dawn Alexander and Karla Munn, both Beulah Hubbard graduates; Kimberly Hobby, Winston Academy; Michalle Everett, Hickory; Bethany Brantley, Leake Academy; Tanya Aycox, Newton Academy; Deborah Wolverton, Union; second row, from left, Kevin Winstead, Scott Central; Donna Edwards, Union; Penny Melton, Neshoba Central; Mary Cay Clark, Hickory; Sandra Collins, Vonda Fraley and Anita Rivers, all of Union; Joyce Reynolds, Chunky; Rebekah Wheeler, Newton; third row, from left, Brian Killen, Neshoba Central; Joey Wilcher, Edinburg; Glen Harrison, Beulah Hubbard; William Adams, Leake Academy; Scott McNair, Neshoba Central; Carolyn Haralson, Decatur; Jamey Champion, Demopolis, Alabama; and English instructor Ovid Vickers who was presented an honorary membership. Chapter advisors Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes said the purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to promote scholarship, develop character and cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. Membership in the scholastic organization is by invitation only. Freshmen initiates are required to have at least a 3.4 grand point average and sophomores, a 3.4 GPA.

ECCC Fashion Show Scheduled March 8

They'll be "Strolling in the Park" at East Central Community College in Decatur March 8 as members of the college's Fashion Squad, along with numerous younger models, present the latest styles in a 7 p. m. show scheduled in the college's Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Fashion Squad sponsor Mrs. Alice Pouncey said there is no admission charge to the show, which features 17 college models and 25 younger-age students. Mrs. Pouncey said fashions are being provided by area businesses.

Squad members include Angie Alderman, Kristi Patrick and Stacy

Powers, all of Leake Academy; Renessa Barton and Twyla Kemp, both of South Leake; Amy Crawford and Nichole Sanders, both of Lake; Michalle Everett and Linda Henley, both of Hickory; Suzette Hall and Libby Hamil, both of Decatur; Lisha Hardage, Carthage; Deanna McNair, Beulah Hubbard; Desire' Smith, Scott Central; Missy Smith and Tabatha Breazeale, both of Neshoba Central; and Tracy Stokes, Louisville.

Narrators are Laura Johnson of Leake Academy and Sherri Williamson of Nanih Waiya. Angela Fountain of Lake serves as manager.

ECCC Scholars Bowl Team Places Sixth

By LAFONDA STEELE

On Feb. 16 and 17, Heather Weidler, Connie Myers, Cindy Hall and Dana Gressett, four of East Central's most scholarly females, participated in the Scholar's Bowl, which was held at the University of Mississippi.

During this event, 17 teams represented 13 community colleges. East Central's first match was against Mississippi Delta Community College, the state champs last year, and which we beat this year. The second match was against Mississippi Gulf Coast-Jackson County Campus. This competition sent us to the losing bracket.

However, the team grouped together and had successful wins over Itawamba Community College and a squeaker against Jones Junior College, the score 135-130. These two wins placed the team in the top six.

The sixth game pitted EC's team against Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Jeff Davis Campus. After two disputed answers, Jeff Davis defeated EC by five to send them to third place in overall state.

Meridian Community College and Jackson County battled for top honors. East Central won the championship in 1986-87 and had been in the top eight teams in the previous two years.

These young women represented EC well and a lot of hard work and effort went into their preparing for this special event. One male from Mississippi Delta Community College made a statement that he called his mother and told her that they were defeated by an all girls team!

If any freshmen are interested in

becoming a member of the Scholar's Bowl, contact Dr. Harris for information and materials for preparation.

Vo-Tech Looks to Future-An Automated Future

By SCOTT CUMMINS

Manufacturing has changed over the last few years. What was once done by computers, robotics, lasers and other advanced technology and East Central Community College is going to teach students to use them. Students can enroll between now and fall for the new program, Automated Manufacturing Technology or CIM (computer integrated manufacturing). Students will learn to operate the computer controlled equipment on a miniature assembly line that will be built in the current drafting room, located on the first floor of the Vo-Tech building.

The program will start out with about \$200,000 worth of equipment, and the staff hopes to add another \$100,000 worth of equipment in the second year of the program. Students will also be required to learn some types of metal work such as welding, sheet metal, cutting, and working out patterns of duct work using geometry.

What will be made with this new assembly line? Only time will tell, but one thing that is planned is a clock that will bear East Central Community College's initials.

MESSAGE BOARD

We would like to wish Misty Sullivan a Happy 17th Birthday.

Love,
MOM, DAD & THERESA

Happy Birthday Kevin Hearn.

Your friends,
Teresa, Louanne, Penny and Vickey

SPORTS

A Salute to the ECCC Basketball Sophomores

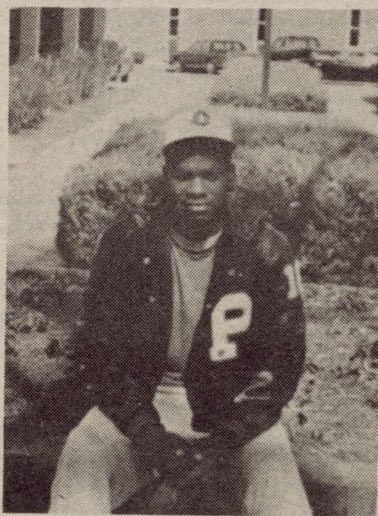
By TRACY HENRY,
LASHONDA HARRIS and
DONNA M. SMITH

There are three Lady Warrior sophomores, Eumeki Edwards, Sadie Triplett and Victoria Banks. The Lady Warriors season is still going on at this time. The one and only sophomore for the Warriors is Kelvin Young. However, the Warriors season has come to an end.

Eumeki Edwards of Jonesboro, Louisiana is better known as "Tuttie" to all of her friends at East Central. Tuttie is the leading scorer for the Lady Warriors, averaging 15.3 points per game. She plans to continue her education in fashion designing; however, she is undecided on her next educational institution. Tuttie's last words to the future Lady Warriors are, "Keep God first, set your goals high, and strive to be the best. If you come together as a team, then you will always be number one."

Sadie Triplett of Louisville is better known as "Trip" to all her basketball buddies at East Central. Sadie averages 8.8 points per game. Majoring in Liberal Arts at East Central, Sadie is undecided on her next educational step, but she hopes to become a high school basketball coach some day. In comparing her freshman year to her sophomore year, Sadie says, "Coach Pace expects me to be more of a leader and to take on more responsibilities." Her last words to her fellow teammates are, "A team effort and playing as one is all it takes to succeed."

Victoria Banks of Morton is majoring in business administration. She plans to get a job in some type of office after graduation. Victoria averages 5.6 points per game and she is one of the top three-point shooters on the team. Victoria said, "I think we have a good team



SOPHOMORE MEMBER

Above is Kelvin Young of Philadelphia, the only sophomore on the men's basketball team. (Photo by Del Crocker)

because everytime we play as a team we win. We have what it takes to be the best."

Kelvin Young, known as "Drag" by everyone, wants to attend a university and continue to play basketball. If this doesn't work out, he plans to join the Air Force and study electronics. "Drag" feels that his freshman year was better than his sophomore year playing-wise. He was healthy his freshman year and during his sophomore year he had to deal with a lot of injuries.

Kelvin feels that one of his hardest tasks about being a sophomore was getting his teammates to learn to come together as one. However, gradually they overcame being strangers and became the best of friends.



SOPHOMORE GIRLS TEAM MEMBERS

Pictured are two of three sophomores on the Lady Warrior squad. From left are Sadie Triplett of Louisville and Tuttie Edwards of Jonesboro, Louisiana. Not shown is Victoria Banks of Morton. (Photo by Del Crocker)



ECCC BASEBALL TEAM

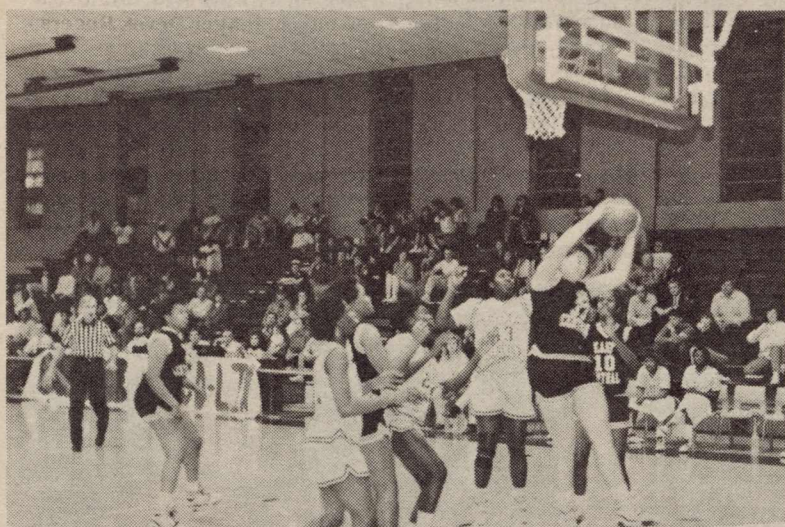
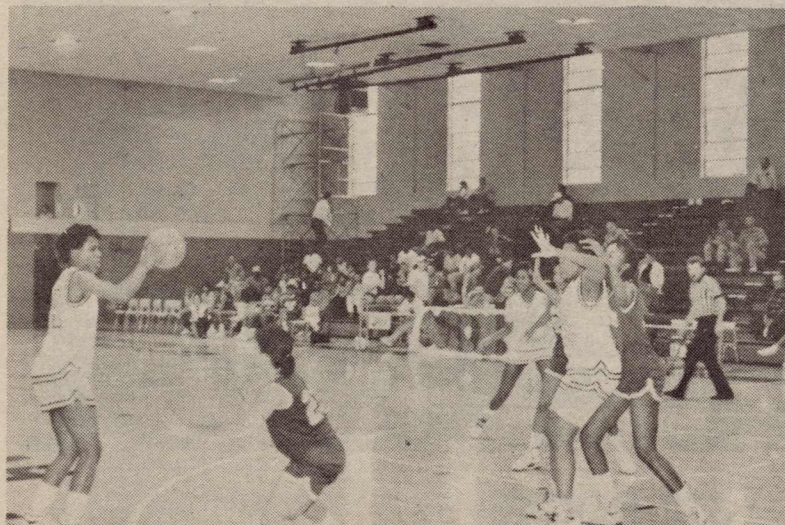
Members of the East Central Community College Warrior baseball team for the 1990 season include, seated from left, manager Mike Chambliss, Louisville; catcher Scott Allen, Livonia, Louisiana; outfielder Keith Joyner, Beulah Hubbard; outfielder Wendell Whitehead, Newton; catcher Randy Bishop, Hickory; shortstop Cliff Moncrief, Westlake, Louisiana; second baseman Scott Fulcher, Louisville; shortstop Jimbo Patterson, Demopolis (Alabama) Academy; outfielder Jeff Thomas, Forest; kneeling, from left, manager Hugh Vanlandingham, Noxapater; third baseman Jamey Champion, Demopolis (Alabama); third baseman Clay Courville, St. Edmunds (Eunice, Louisiana); outfielder Scott Hines, Neshoba Central; pitcher Brian Senn, Demopolis, Alabama; designated hitter-outfielder Joey Boykin, Winston Academy; pitcher-first baseman Greg Perry, Madison-Ridgeland (Edinburg); pitcher John Powers, Westlake, Louisiana; standing, from left, manager Derek Rogers, Morton; pitcher-outfielder Donald Culberson, Neshoba Central; outfielder Larod Odom, Scott Central; first baseman Eric Davis, East Chatham, New York; pitcher Brian Jones, Neshoba Central; pitcher Jeff Crocker, Marengo (Alabama) Academy; pitcher David Hubbard, Woodlawn (Baton Rouge, Louisiana); catcher Steven Burleigh, Plaquemine, Louisiana; pitcher Anthony White, Beulah Hubbard; and pitcher David Luke, Nanih Waiya. Not pictured is head coach Jamie Clark.



EC'S ALL-STATE BAND PERFORMERS

East Central Community College band students who were recently named to the Mississippi Community/Junior College All-State Band and attended the state clinic held at the University of Southern Mississippi include, from left, David Shaw (trumpet), Meridian; Neshoba Central graduates Charla McFarland (French horn) and Cindy Hall (flute); and Brian Roland (baritone) of Morton. A concert performance by the All-State musicians concluded the two-day clinic. The East Central band is directed by Thomas W. Carson.

Action During the South Division Tournament



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312 Rocks With Five Very Different Personalities

By ANDY HARDY

When students go to a junior college after graduating from high school, they usually room with people they know real well, and people that they are pretty good friends with. But such is not always the case. For example, take 312 Scott Hall. One student from Natchez, two from Philadelphia, and two from Louisville. Only the two from Louisville had known each other personally before coming to East Central. The rest had met here and have now become close friends. In case you don't already know these people, they are Brent Fountain, Jason Hisaw, Robbie Palmieri, Mark Branning, and Andy Hardy.

But what really distinguishes this group of guys is the differences in their habits, attitudes, and their majors. Brent is the only theater major on campus, Mark is one of the few music majors here, Andy is majoring in Business Administration, and Jason and Robbie are both majoring in Computer Programming. And with such diverse majors, come diverse habits, attitudes, and philosophies.

At East Central Mark participates in the marching band, concert and jazz bands, the orchestra, and the Collegians. Some of his favorite hobbies are playing the guitar and trying to imitate a bagpipe with Gary Moody's saxophone. He also likes to groom his mustache frequently and sometimes he puts his shoes on before his socks. After graduating from East Central, Mark will go to the University of Southern Mississippi. But after college Mark would like to replace John B. Williams on bass in "The Posse" on Arsenio Hall or replace Will Lee in The World's Most Dangerous Band on David Letterman. Mark would also like to be a studio musician, though he wouldn't mind touring with a band so he could meet some "hot babes." Mark chose East Central to attend because he admires Mr. Carson and because he said no other school would accept him, and his favorite thing about this college is his piano class—"go figure." Mark has a knack for noticing the little things in life. He will point out things to his roommates that they would consider meaningless and wouldn't pay attention to. One of 312's favorite statements of little things that Mark has said is "I know for a definite fact that the light in the refrigerator stays on even after the door is shut."

Brent Fountain also participates in several activities at East Central. He is the freshman representative of the Players Club and the Meridian Star gave him rave reviews for his starring role in Dinner Theatre. Brent also announced East Central's home football games.

Some of Brent's favorite hobbies are summer ice skating, watching "Outdoors with George" on WTOK, altering posters with straws and cigarettes, and melting plastic objects into fine works of art using hairspray as a blowtorch.

He has some unusual habits, too. Brent likes to drive his car in reverse for long periods of time, he can pull the skin on his cheeks out at least three inches, and he likes to put on a tie and go to Wal-Mart and pretend that he works there.

He also collects James Dean, Beatles, and Jethro Tull memorabilia. Next year Brent will be going to Southern to further his acting studies.

Ultimately, Brent would like to star in the remake of "East of Eden" and "Rebel Without a Cause," which originally starred James Dean, Brent's idol. Brent came to East Central to announce football games and to study under the divine theatrical genius of Mr. Bruce Peterson.

The things Brent loves most about East Central are his newfound friends and the times they have shared together. Brent's quite the philosopher, and he thinks he said it best when he shared his genius intellect with his roommates and said, "Innocence is not a virtue, it is a punishment."

As most of you may know by now, Jason Hisaw is quite a character. He is in the marching and concert band, the jazz band, the orchestra, and the Collegians. Jason has several hobbies he enjoys, including drawing modern art in class.

Jason says "modern art says nothing but means everything." And cutting the Camel out of each pack of cigarettes he smokes and taping it on the door (since right before Christmas holidays until now. Jason has 115 camels in his caravan on the door).

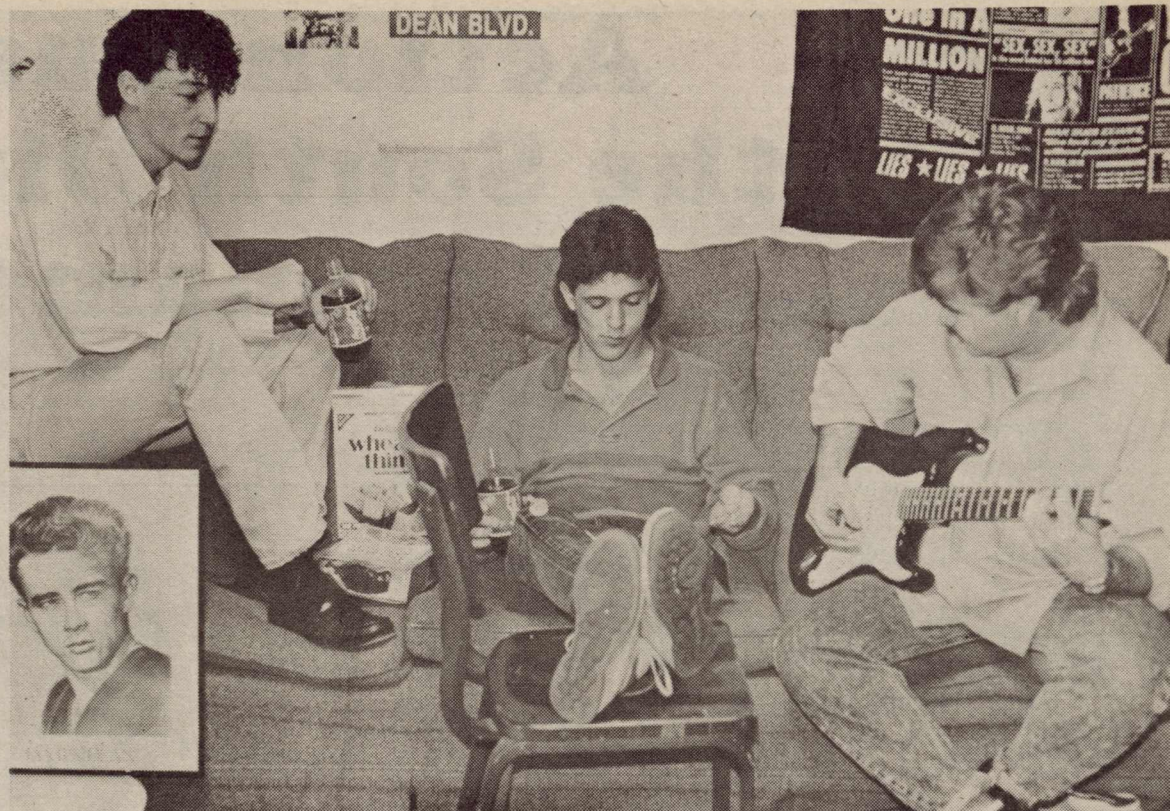
Jason also has some unusual characteristics. He can tie knots in cherry stems with his tongue and he enjoys showing his fellow students his "ripe tomato, rotten tomato" knee trick. Someday Jason would like to play trumpet on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, but for right now, his life goals are yet to be revealed, so he will just take life day by day.

Jason came to East Central because he already knew several people down here and he thought that East Central needed a Jason Hisaw. As of East Central, Jason enjoys the freedom that it offers and he likes being in the Collegians. Jason loves to read philosophy, and he thinks that Emilio Zapata said it best: "Men of the South! It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees."

Robbie also participates in the marching and concert bands, the jazz band, and the Collegians. But Robbie's hobbies are a little strange. He enjoys picking on people that just aren't right, telling his roommates unusual bedtime stories, using the library restroom every morning because it is on his way to class, and turning the volume on the alarm up all the way and setting it one or two hours before his roommates have to get up so he can see the expressions on their faces when they awaken.

After graduating from East Central, Robbie will go to Southern to continue his education in computer programming.

Many obscure reasons prompted Robbie to attend East Central. He said he came here because he could go to the Dollar Cinema in Meridian, he could go swimming at Turkey Creek in the spring, he could go to the truck stop at any hour to eat, he could buy an RC for 27¢, and because he would get to go to Disney World with the Collegians.



312 ROCKS

Roommates, from left, Jason Hisaw, Robbie Palmieri and Mark Branning. In front of Hisaw is Brent Fountain doing his impersonation of James Dean.

Some of the things Robbie loves about East Central are the band programs offered and his apartment-like room, complete with roaches and carpet, the first one of its kind on campus. Robbie would like the students at East Central to liven up a little. He said, "We the students of EC, need to explode. Show the wild side." When asked about his philosophies of life, Robbie replied, "You know it...cuz."

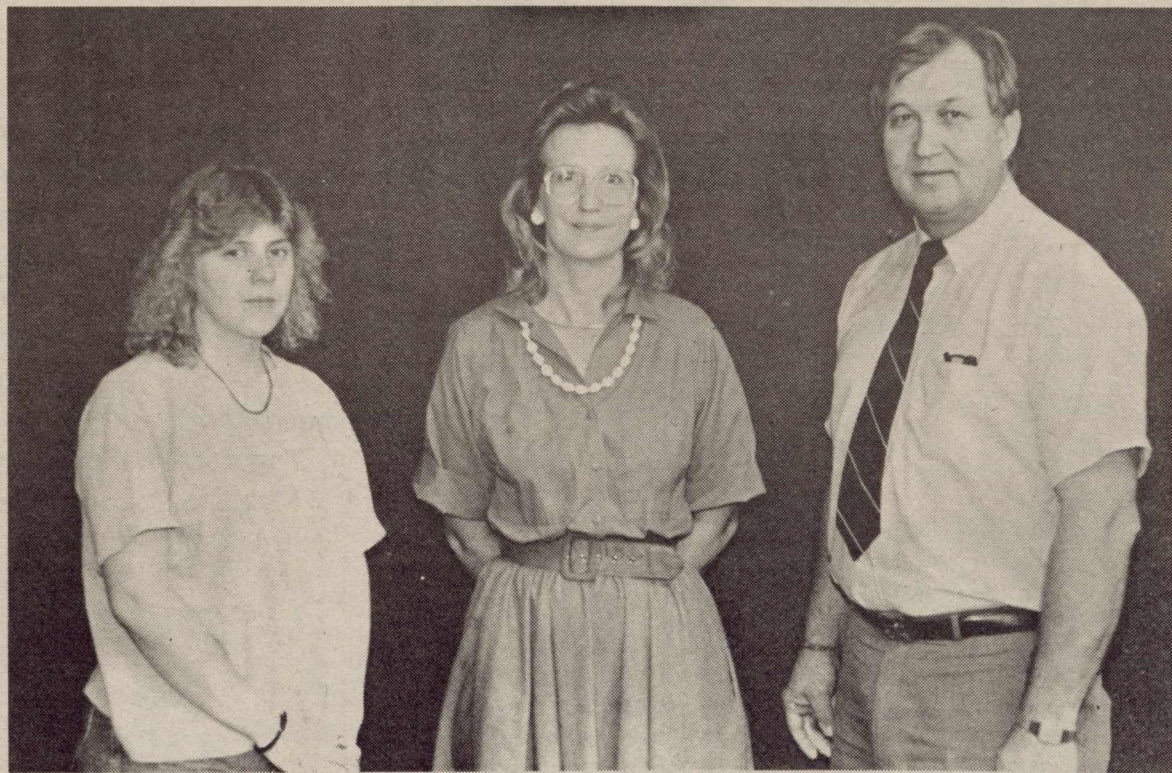
Not many other rooms at East Central, or any other college, have

such varied students. No one knows why the five in room 312 Scott Hall have such a close personal relationship with each other. It must be the five different independent personalities that bind these five together.

But whatever it is, it doesn't really matter. They say that friends you meet in college are your closest and the ones you will always remember. The first part of that theory has already been proven to be true, as for the last part, well, only time will

tell.

But one thing's for sure, that every one of the five individuals in 312 Scott Hall has enriched and broadened the horizons of the others. And as you may know by now, these five people love philosophy, and there is one statement by William Butler Jones that summarizes how these five people feel about each other; "Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends."



ENGINEER ADDRESSES ECCC CLUB

Lucy Hurst, center, a civil engineer with the Newton office of the Mississippi State Highway Department recently spoke to members of East Central Community College's Alpha Alpha Epsilon organization and is shown with chapter president Dana Gressett, a graduate of Hickory High School, and Dr. Shelby Harris, club advisor. Dr. Harris said the purpose of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers," is to promote the social and economic welfare of the engineer, stimulate public service in the profession, encourage and develop the efficiency of the engineer, promote unity in the profession, and make further study of the industrial arts opportunities in allied fields. Dr. Harris said students majoring in pre-engineering or industrial arts are eligible for membership.

Contest Announced for Prettiest Eyes

East Central students: Do you have the most beautiful eyes?

The National Society to Prevent Blindness-Mississippi Affiliate is searching for the Most Beautiful Eyes in America.

Participants in the nationwide contest will first compete on the state level. Contestants are judged on the beauty and overall healthy appearance of the eyes. Other features will be masked for judging. The Mississippi finals will be held May 26 at Northpark Mall in Jackson. The Mississippi winner will receive an 11x14 portrait on canvas from Grillis-Kees Photography, a trip to the national finals in Chicago, Ill., in October, 1990, as well as other local and national prizes. The national winner will receive a trip for two to Europe and the

distinct recognition of having the most beautiful eyes in America.

Participants need to submit a photograph that best displays the beauty and overall healthy appearance of their eyes, their name, address, and phone number, as well as a \$10 entry fee, payable to Prevent Blindness.

The deadline for entries is April 15, 1990. Entries should be sent to Prevent Blindness, 115 Broadmoor Dr., Jackson, MS 39206. For more information, call 362-6985.

"Proceeds from the contest will support community service programs, public and professional education and research," says Georgette Davis, the 1989 Mississippi winner who also placed in the top ten in the national contest.



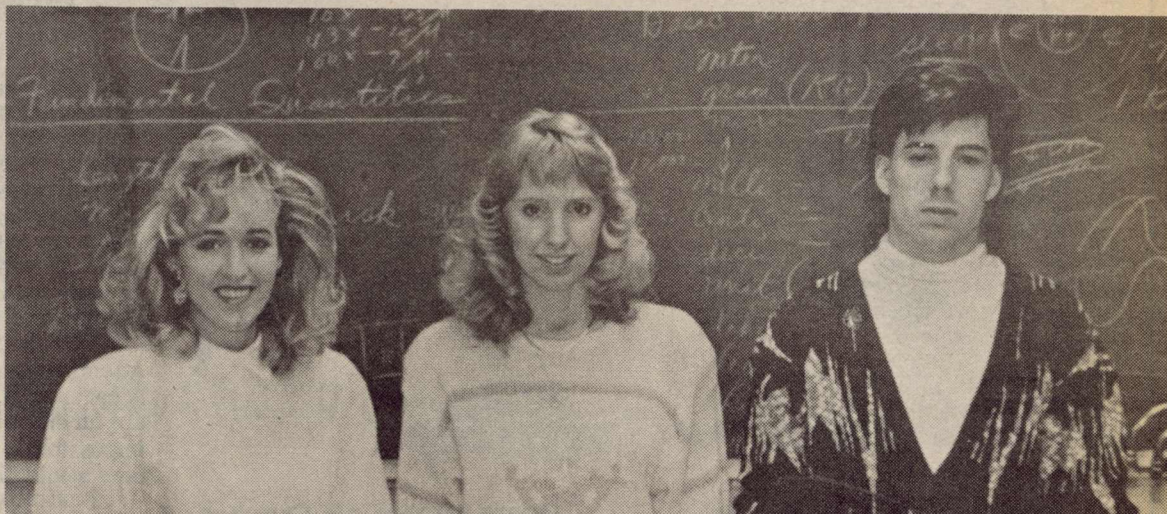
ECCC FRESHMAN FAVORITES

Freshman favorites selected at East Central Community College following the recent Who's Who elections include, seated from left, Kim Cashio of Fordoche, Louisiana; Pam Gilmer, Neshoba Central; Nicole Sanders, Lake; standing, from left, Opie Ray, Philadelphia; Charlie Moorehead, Forest; and Greg Perry, Carthage.



PHI BETA LAMBDA MEMBERS

Among members of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students, at East Central Community College are, seated from left, Nicole Gibbs, Newton; Desire' Smith, Scott Central; Janet Bullard, Sebastopol; Nichole Sanders, Lake; Tabatha Breazeale, Neshoba Central; Stella Dickerson, Union; Leigh Ann Goolsby, Carthage; Bonnie Mowdy, Forest; Lee Chamblee and Lisa Risher, both of Leake Academy; standing, from left, Pam Pace, Scott Central; Darlene Tubby, Choctaw Central; Angela Dickerson, Union; Ben Guthrie, Scott Central; Gerald Triplett, Neshoba Central; Abraham Jones, Forest; Shan Carpenter, Carthage; John King, Philadelphia; Paula Carter, Union; Lisa Hatcher, Nanih Waiya; and Shelia Thornton, Edinburg. According to sponsor Mrs. Brenda Johnson, the purpose of Phi Beta Lambda is to foster a better relationship between one another and cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general.



SIGMA SIGMA MU TAU OFFICERS

Officers of East Central Community College's Sigma Sigma Mu Tau chapter for 1989-90 include, from left, Bethany Brantley of Carthage, president; Kelli Cooksey of Conehatta, vice president; and Chris Little of Philadelphia, treasurer. The purpose of the organization is to present programs on medical opportunities, conduct tours of surrounding hospitals and obtain information from schools that would be of interest to pre-med students. Science instructor Ron Davis serves as advisor.



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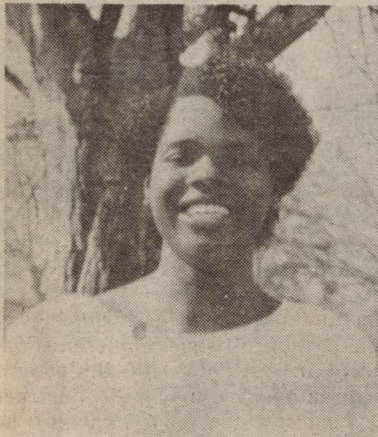
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Student Opinion Poll

How do you plan to spend your Spring Break?

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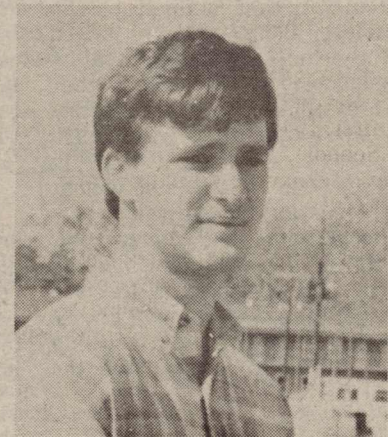
Paula Nash, 19, Carthage: "In Florida with Big Shy."



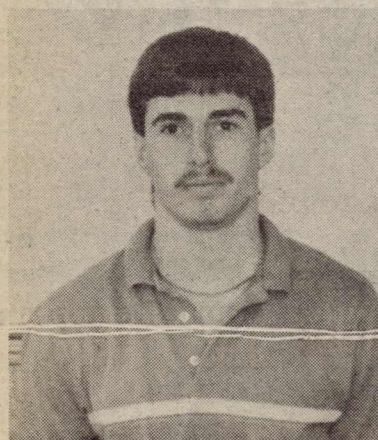
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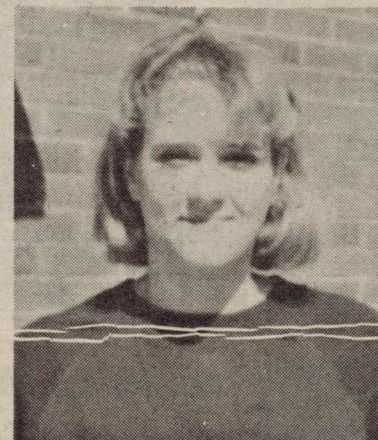
Mike Arthur, 19, Edinburg: "On the Pearl River, being a bum."



Brad Vincent, 19, Carthage: "Partying in Florida."



Heath Stribling, 19, Philadelphia: "Partying in the big town of Philadelphia."



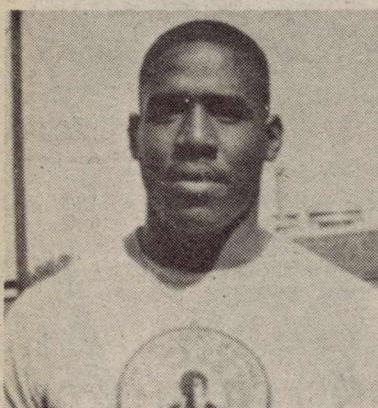
Wendy Gray, 19, Philadelphia: "Sleeping late and spending time with old friends."



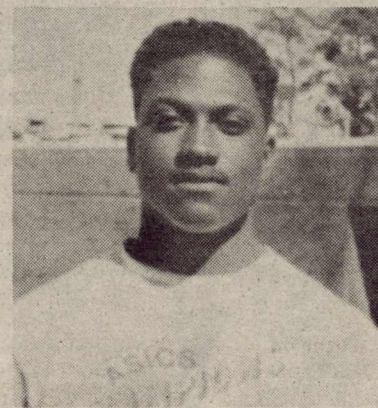
Michelle Lawrence, 19, Pisgah: "In New Orleans or with my boyfriend, Regie."



Debby Tidmore, 20, Meridian: "On the Gulf Coast."



Lamont Byrd, 19, Carrollton, Georgia: "Get wild with my friends."



Alonzo Stargen, 19, Carrollton, Georgia: "Get wild."

Tighter Gun Laws are Needed

By JIM HOLDER

The Constitution gives American citizens the right to bear arms. However, we often find that the wrong people are carrying around most of the weapons. Though we deserve the right to protect ourselves, the number of firearm homicides in the United States is staggering.

The problem is not that people can own guns, but instead it is the fact that almost anyone can easily obtain one. Anyone with some idea of what is going on in the world should notice the enormous amount of daily media coverage given to various shootings around the globe. East Central is not immune to this problem, as the slaying of a student on campus not long ago proves.

Now is the time for the government to create tighter federal gun laws. Attempts have been made before to accomplish this, but they are obviously not enough. Certain weapons have been banned, but what we really need are further requirements to receive a license. Of course, it is practically impossible to know where the next lunatic is coming from, but more rigid laws would discourage some of them from buying guns.

It is idealistic to believe that America's gun problems will ever end. However, the fact remains that no other country has this problem so widespread. Though criminals exist worldwide, only the United States suffers greatly from firearms. Hopefully, our legislators will wake up before you or I succumb to a ruthless killer.

District VICA Competition Held on East Central's Campus

East Central Community College once again served as site of the Mississippi VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) District Conference which was held Feb. 16. Winners in each category were as follows:

CLUB BUSINESS PROCEDURE
Louisville-Winston County Vo-Tech Center, third;

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING
Peter Harper (R. H. Watkins Vo-Tech), first; Eric Griffin (Carthage High School), second; Rhonda Cooper (Louisville-Winston Vo-Tech), third;

JOB INTERVIEW
Stephen House (Millsaps Vo-Tech), first; Sheila McGowan (Covington County Vo-Tech), second; Chris Ricks (Carthage High School), third;

PREPARED SPEECH
Iris Colebok (McKellar Vo-Tech, first; Keith Body (Carthage High School), second; Jamison Johnson (Millsaps Vo-Tech), third;

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING
Jason Steward (R. H. Watkins Vo-Tech), first; Jeff Rogers (Louisville-Winston Vo-Tech), second; Emelio Epting (A. P. Fartherree Vo-Tech), third;

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY
Barry Smitherman (West Point Vo-Tech), first; Justin Conroy (Millsaps Vo-Tech), second; Richard Odom (Wayne County Vo-Tech), third;

BRICK MASONRY
Stacy Evans/Christopher Thornton (Smith County Vo-Tech), first; Robert Brunson/Timothy Butler (Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech), second; Rob Robertson/Lonnie Lucas (McKellar Vo-Tech), third;

CABINETMAKING AND MILLWORK
Glenn Crist (Wayne County Vo-Tech), first; Shelvis Patrick (Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech), second; Harishama Johnson (Millsaps Vo-Tech), third;

CARPENTRY
Xavier Porter (Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech), first; Robert Johnson (Wayne County Vo-Tech), second; Levy Harvey (Carthage High School), third;

ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY
William Yates (Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech), first; Davon Gray (R. H. Watkins Vo-Tech), second;

MACHINE DRAFTING
Eric Giechter (R. H. Watkins Vo-Tech), first; Brian Parker (A. P. Fatheree Vo-Tech), second, Eric Parker (Louisville-Winston Vo-Tech), third;

PRECISION MACHINERY
Clarence Crimm (Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech), first; Gary Riels (Covington County Vo-Tech), second; Keith Youngblood (A. P. Fatheree Vo-Tech), third;

RESIDENTIAL WIRING
Timothy Smith (Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech), first; Steven Reed (Covington County Vo-Tech), second; Joe Baldwin (McKellar Vo-Tech), third;

SHEET METAL
Timmy Brenton (Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech), first; J. J. Whitten (Lowndes County Vo-Tech), second; Quenton Chaney (West Point Vo-Tec), third;

WELDING

Joseph Jones (Forest-Scott County Vo-Tech), first; Jerry Keys (R. H. Watkins Vo-Tech), second; James Perry (Wayne County Vo-Tech), third;

JOB DEMONSTRATION 'A'
Kevin Westbrook (Smith County

Vo-Tech), first; Jackson Battle (Carthage High School), second; Steve Wallace (West Point Vo-Tech), third;

JOB SKILL DEMONSTRATION 'B'
Micki Flowers (Covington County Vo-Tech), first.

Staff Spotlight

By TRACY LADD

What keeps a community college running? What makes it go smoothly? Is it money? Maybe it's the students and teachers. Or just maybe it's because of fine secretaries.

Two of the finest secretaries on East Central's campus are Mrs. Barbara Deaton and Mrs. Gloria Rigdon. Both Mrs. Deaton and Mrs. Rigdon run the Communications Office, which is located in Newton Hall.

Mrs. Deaton has been working on East Central's staff for 13 years, nine of which she has been working with Mrs. Rigdon. Mrs. Deaton says she would not want to work anyplace else on the East Central campus. Working in the communications office is what she loves doing. When she is not busy at East Central, she enjoys playing the piano at her church, and her two grandchildren also keep her busy.

Mrs. Gloria Rigdon has been working for nine years at East Central. She says working with the switchboard has made all her days exciting. When she is not at work she

enjoys going to basketball games in which her daughter plays a major part. Mrs. Rigdon also has a 13-year-old son who always keeps her on her toes.

Mrs. Deaton and Mrs. Rigdon play a very important role on East Central's campus. They answer telephone calls, make copies for teachers, and most anything else. East Central campus is grateful to them both.

Secretaries

It takes a special person to be a secretary. Someone who is kind-hearted, has a lot of patience, and one who always knows what to do.

It takes a special person to be a secretary. Someone who is strong-willed, never gets tired of doing what needs to be done, and one that never says "never."

It takes a special person to be a secretary. Someone who always has a smile and never knows when to stop.

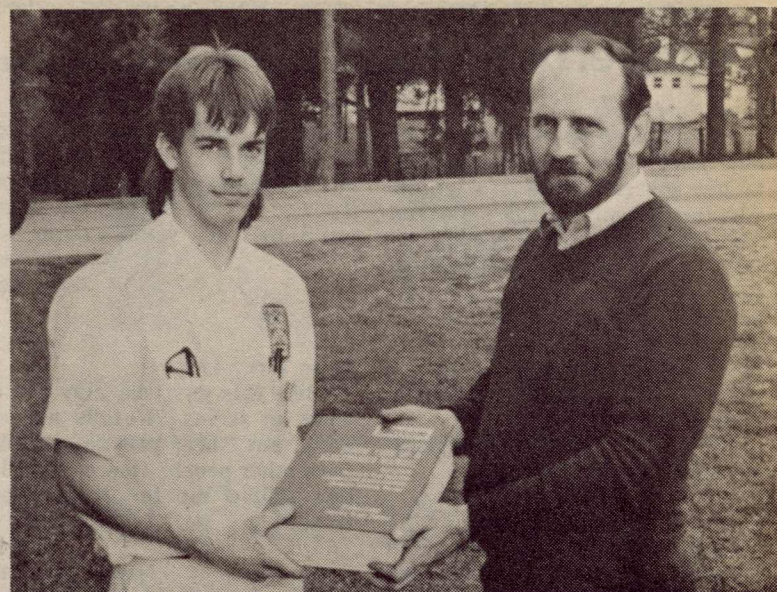
It takes a special person to be a secretary. Someone who knows how to be a true friend.

It takes a special person to be a secretary, and we all hope you stay to the very end.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Barbara Deaton, left, and Mrs. Gloria Rigdon, two of the many outstanding secretaries employed at the college. (Photo by Del Crocker)



WINS FIRST PLACE

Winning first place honors in the Automotive Service Technology competition in the Mississippi VICA Skill Olympics District Conference was Barry Smitherman, left, who is a student at West Point Vo-Tech Center. Making the presentation is East Central automotive mechanics instructor Jim McNair. McNair said State VICA contest winners in this category have participated in the East Central-hosted District competition the last two years.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Decatur, Mississippi



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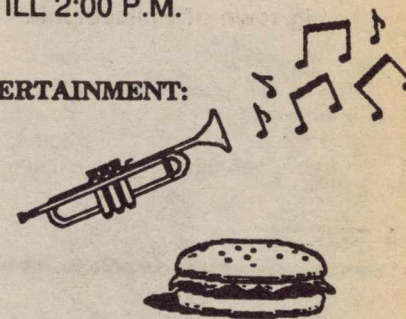
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Dear Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

My friend "Janine" and her boyfriend "Allen" recently decided to get married. The problem is "Janine" is only 15 years old and "Allen" is just 18. Their friends and family are trying to convince them that they are too young and inexperienced in the real world to handle marriage and possibly more. Is there any way I can help convince them to wait without losing their friendship?

Signed,

Friendship in Trouble

Dear Friendship in Trouble,

I know from my experience with a friend of mine that most of the time if someone has his or her mind made up to do something most people can't change it. It only makes a person more determined to do something if you keep bothering them about it. You should try to find someone who married too young and see if she would be willing to talk to your friend and her boyfriend to explain how hard it is to make it in the "real world."

Your Friend,
Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

I am an 18-year-old college freshman. I was recently attacked by someone that I thought I could trust. I have known this guy for about four years and we were good friends. How can I learn to trust again?

Signed,
No Longer Trusting

Dear No Longer Trusting,

If this had happened to me I would go to the police and press charges against the guy. Then I would get professional help to try and deal with this. No matter who ashamed I was I would still try to deal with this rationally. I know you don't feel much like doing things calmly, but you do have a future ahead of you and you must deal with this experience before you can continue your life successfully. I really hope that I helped you. Good luck.

Your Friend
Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

How do you know when you are in love for real?

Signed,
Wondering about Love

Dear Wondering About Love,

I really can't answer your question because everyone has a different opinion of when you'll know if you're in love. All I can say is that you'll just know when it happens.

Your Friend,
Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

I like this guy who may not be what he seems. He tells me one thing, but I hear just the opposite from other people. How can I tell if he's telling me the truth about things?

Signed,
Needs the Truth

Dear Needs the Truth,

You can't always trust what people tell you, therefore you must find out things for yourself. No one can tell you the truth about this but him. If you don't believe what he is telling you then confront him with your suspicions.

Your Friend,
Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

I know this girl that has a crush on this very popular guy. The problem is that he is so much of a flirt that she doesn't know whether or not he is sincere. What can she do?

Signed,
Concerned Friend

Dear Concerned Friend,

The only advice that I can give your friend is to go up to this guy and ask him if he has any true feelings for her or if he's just flirting with her for fun. If she can't ask him face to face then tell her to write him a letter. Sometimes letters work just as well or better than asking in person. If the reply is that he is only flirting and doesn't want a serious relationship then your friend should try to get over him and find someone who really cares about her.

Your Friend,
Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

This friend of mine is in love with this drop-dead-good-looking guy. By the way he is acting toward her she thinks he is falling in love with her as well, only she is not too sure he is over his last love. She asked me to write to you and ask you for help.

Signed,
Trying to Help a Friend

Dear Trying to Help a Friend,

First, your friend must find out if this guy is really over "the other woman." Depending on his reply try to do what is best for you and see what happens. Good luck.

Your Friend,
Terry Lou

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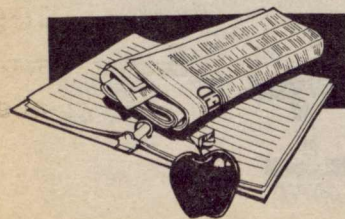
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Deanna McNair

Deanna McNair Wins Miss Meridian Pageant

By TIMONY BELL and
DAWN BRADFORD

Deanna McNair, a sophomore here at East Central, claimed the title of Miss Meridian on Saturday, March 31. This puts her in the competition for Miss Mississippi. This is her third year in the Miss Meridian pageant. She was awarded second alternate the first two times. Ms. McNair played a piano solo, "Polanise in A flat major" by Chopin, for her talent.

Upon winning the title, she received a full tuition scholarship to attend Livingston University in Alabama, where she will major in music. Several other scholarships were also offered to her, including a \$250 cash award.

Deanna, who has been in and out

of pageants since she was nine, has held several titles including Miss Pre-Teen of Florida and Miss Newton County 1988. She also won a statewide talent contest.

She plans to keep her talent and touch up on her interview for the Miss Mississippi pageant. Deanna comments that she is nervous and a little scared but will be very excited when time for the pageant arrives. Accompanying her to the pageant will be her "Fan Club," including family, friends, and, of course, Michael Roland, her boyfriend. They will be there to give support and encouragement.

We at East Central would like to wish Deanna the best of luck when competing this summer for the title of Miss Mississippi!

Commencement Planned May 11 on Football Field

Approximately 261 students are candidates for degrees and certificates which will be awarded during the college's commencement exercises scheduled at 8 p. m. Friday, May 11, 1990 on the Warrior football field.

Candidates for graduation include the following:

DEGREES

Approximately 261 students are candidates for degrees and certificates which will be awarded during the college's commencement exercises scheduled at 8 p. m. Friday, May 11, on the Warrior football field.

Candidates for graduation include the following:

Joseph Walter Todd Accord, AA (Dec.); William David Adams, AAS; Jason Alexander, AAS; Kimberly Michele Alford, AA; Scott Brady Allen, AA; Tracey Annette Anderson, AA; John Alan Anthony, AS; Michael W. Arthur, AS; Victoria Lynn Banks, AA; Candie Beckham Beaver, AA; Johnny Warren Beaver, AA; Jimmy Bell, AAS; Randy Kent Bishop, AA; Karen Blackburn, AS; Dean Philip Blount, AA; Suzette Hall Bounds, AA; Joe Bert Boykin, Jr., AA;

Shantell Braggs, AAS; Annie Gladys Brown, AA; Robbie Ann Brown, AA; Randy James Bryan,

AAS; Janet M. Bullard, AAS; Karl John Butler, AAS (Dec.); David Shan Carpenter, AA; William Kevin Carpenter, AAS; Paula Jo Carter, AA; Marla Lee Chamblee, AAS; Michael Scott Chambliss, AA; Rita Kay Cherry, AS; Billy G. Chickaway, AAS; Christopher R. Chickaway, AAS (Dec.); James Michael Clark, AAS (Dec.); William Donald Collins, II, AS; Glenda B. Comans, AAS; Kelli Delaine Cooksey, AS;

B. Ann Cox, AA; Amy Michelle Crawford, AA; Shelly Carol Crawford, AA (Dec.); Jeffrey Bruce Crocker, AA; Kimberly Suzanne Croswell, AA; Diana Davidson, AA; Betty J. Davis, AAS; Stella Stamper Dickerson, AAS; Thomas F. Dicker-

son, AAS; David Philip Duncan, AAS; Umeki "Tuttie" Edwards, AA; Paul Carmel Eichelberger, AA (Dec.); Charles Scott Engle, AAS; Alan Ray Ezelle, AS; Melford D. Farve, AAS, (Dec.); Michelle Denise Faulkner, AA; Robert Bruce Ferguson Jr., AA; John Arthur Foreman, AAS; Frederick S. Fulcher, AA; Vanessa Gaddis, AAS; Stephanie Michele Gainey, AA;

Stephen Malcom Gainey, AA; Misty Dawn Gatewood, AA; Edith Nicole Gibbs, AA; Leigh Ann Goolsby, AA; Wendy Ruth Gray, AA; Dana Leigh Gressett, AS; Benjamin James Guthrie, AA; B. J. Hailey, AS;

(See COMMENCEMENT, page 4)

East Central Holds Awards Day Ceremonies

The induction of six students into the 1990 East Central Community College Hall of Fame climaxed awards day activities recently held on the Decatur campus.

Those selected included Christopher Reed Chickaway and Marsha Lucinda "Cindy" Hall, both of Philadelphia; Hal Owen Land of Louisville, Joyce Payne Luke and

Heather Weidler, both of Decatur and Connie Michelle Myers of Conehatta.

The award winners were announced by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, who presented plaques to each honoree.

Other awards were also presented and included the following (See AWARDS, page 9)



ECCC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Recent inductees into the East Central Community College Hall of Fame include, from left, Hal Land of Louisville, Heather Weidler and Joyce Luke, both of Decatur; Connie Myers of Conehatta, Cindy Hall and Chris Chickaway, both of Philadelphia. The honorees were inducted during Awards Day activities held on the Decatur campus.



HER SONG WINS NATIONAL AWARD

East Central Community College adult student Mrs. Vonda Germany Fraley of Union recently was presented a national award for achievement in musical arts at the National Phi Theta Kappa Convention held in San Francisco, Calif. Mrs. Fraley, a member of the college's Theta Xi chapter, received one of two awards presented for her song, "Dream your Dreams," which she authored several years ago. Besides being a full-time student pursuing a special education degree to go along with her musical background, Mrs. Fraley is a single parent and teaches piano and voice lessons in a four-county area. She has two children, Tara, a senior at Union High School, and Stuart, who is in the eighth grade. Phi Theta Kappa is a national honorary fraternity for community and junior college students. Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes serve as faculty advisors and accepted Mrs. Fraley's award at the national convention.

College Represented at PTK Convention

By TRACY RISHER

April 6 through 9 was the date of the Phi Theta Kappa Convention, which was held in San Francisco, Calif. Attending the convention from East Central were Sandra Collins, Ben Guthrie, Bruce Mainka, Dr. Shelby Harris, and Mrs. Ann Burkes. Dr. Eddie Smith attended part of the convention.

The convention consisted of many important speakers including Dr. Dale Parnell, President of the American Association of Community/Junior Colleges; Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations; Howard Pollock, former representative from Alaska; and Randal

McDonald, CEO for Pennzoil Co.

Some of the convention activities included regional meetings, regional caucuses, convention roll call, and an awards presentation. At this presentation, Theta Xi member Vonda Fraley was awarded a national certificate for achievement in musical arts.

On Friday night of the convention, the group enjoyed viewing Union Square with Dr. Smith. During the convention breaks, the group rode the cable cars to Fisherman's Wharf, took a taxi ride across the Golden Gate Bridge, went to the Hard Rock Cafe, and enjoyed shopping in China Town.

THE TOM TOM

*The **Tom Tom** is the official student newspaper at East Central Community College located in Decatur, Mississippi.

*The **Tom Tom** is a member of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Press Association.

Staff members for the 1990 spring semester include the following: Dawn Bradford, Marla Chamblee, Del Crocker, Tracy Henry, Tracy Ladd, Lashanda LeFlore, Donna Smith, Kim Wedgeworth, Timony Bell, Wanda Breedlove, Scott Cummins, Michalle Everett, Cindy Hall, Andy Hardy, Linda Henley, Jim Holder, John King, David LeBlanc, Chris Little, Bobbie Love, Louanne Morrow, Teresa Sullivan, Diana Davidson, Missy Smith, Nichole Johnson and Jones Steele.

Co-sponsors are Dr. Jeff Smith and Bubby Johnston.



STATE DELEGATE

Dr. Shelby Harris, Chairman of the Division of the Mathematics and Science at East Central Community College in Decatur served as official delegate representing mathematics teachers of Mississippi at the National Council of Teachers sixty-eighth annual meeting held recently in Salt Lake City, Utah. For the past 10 years Dr. Harris has served the Mississippi Council as treasurer and has received commendations for his service. He is past president of the Mississippi-Louisiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics and has twice served as president of the Mississippi Teachers of College Mathematics and of the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community/Junior Colleges.

Saying Goodbye to ECCC

By TRACY RISHER

On May 11, 1990, around 231 students will say their farewell to EC. This is not to say that they will never be back, but most will never be EC students again.

East Central offers so much for so many. Nearly every form of sports can be played, either on a varsity team or an intramural team, there is a club organization for most everyone to belong to, and good helpful people can be found all over the campus.

The faculty and staff at EC are among the finest in the state of Mississippi. The student-teacher ratio in the classrooms of EC enables us students to really learn, not just memorize but really come to understand.

Every teacher and staff member at EC that I have ever been in contact with was never in too big of a rush to help me if I had a problem.

When I first came to EC two years ago, I knew there was no possible way for me to have friends the way I did in high school. But, I now have more friends and closer friends than I ever had. East Central also holds one of my fondest memories of all times. I met my husband at East Central last year at the homecoming dance.

So I do guess we graduates will not have to say goodbye to EC, because we will always have the memories. We will just say "see you soon and keep up the great work."



VICKERS HONORED

Ovid Vickers, a member of the faculty at East Central Community College in Decatur, was recently chosen Mississippi's College English Teacher of the Year by the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English at the statewide organization's annual spring meeting. Vickers, a faculty member at East Central since 1955, is shown with the plaque he was presented in recognition of his outstanding service as an English instructor.



O. L. Newell

Newell Retiring as EC Vo-Tech Director

By LEE CHAMBLEE

O. L. Newell is retiring after this semester. When I asked if he had any regrets of retirement, the reply was "None." Actually, he is looking forward to it.

Newell, 61, was born and reared in Fulton. He is a 1949 graduate of Itawamba High School. He served two years in the Marines and fought in the Korean War. After recovering from Korean conflict wounds, he attended Itawamba Community College for two years where he received his AA degree. He received his bachelor of science and masters degrees from Mississippi State University. He taught industrial arts at Moss Point High School, then came to East Central in 1961 as an instructor. In 1966, Newell became the Vocational-Technical director.

Newell has been in the field of education for 33 years. Twenty-nine of those years were here at East Central. He was voted Vocational-

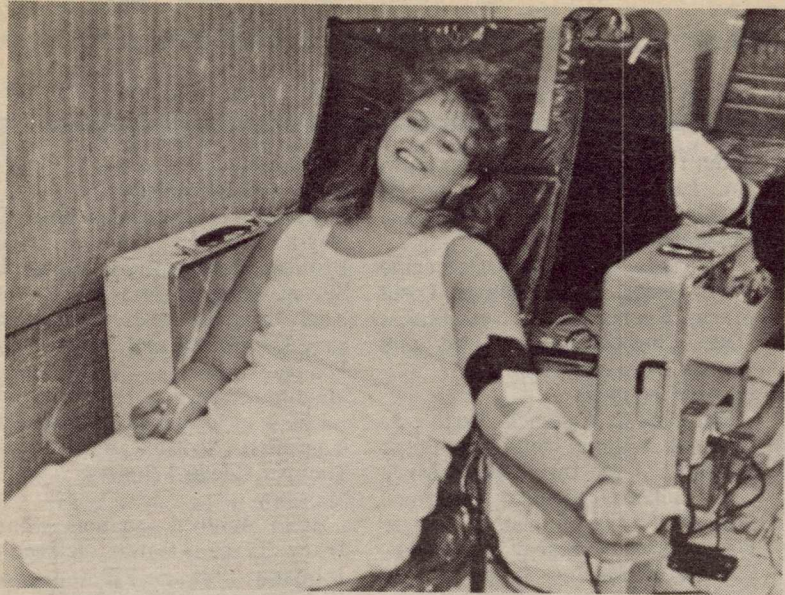
Technical Faculty Member of the Year in 1986. One of his most rewarding achievements is the growth of the Vo-Tech Division since he became director.

When Newell first became director there were only two Vocational programs, electricity and auto mechanics. Now there are eight vocational programs and five technical programs. There is also a related studies program called VIDS.

Newell is a resident of Decatur. His future plans are to be involved in woodworking, gardening, fishing, and traveling. He truly enjoys vacationing in Gatlinburg, Tenn. and the mountains.

The faculty and students at the Vocational-Technical Division have really enjoyed Mr. Newell around and will dearly miss him.

Mr. Newell, we wish you the best!!!



Adults Learn Reading, Writing Skills by Using Computers

Adults who had never learned to read or write and who probably thought they would never develop proper reading and writing skills, have discovered such skills are quickly attainable thanks to the Adult Literacy Program offered at East Central Community College in Decatur.

And those same adults are learning their new-found skills by utilizing a specially-designed computer system located in Burton Library.

Known as PALS (Principles of the Alphabet Learning System), the computer-based system is modeled on the IBM K-1 Writing to Read Program.

The PALS Program has been in use at East Central for the past 18 months and, according to Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, 33 adult learners have enrolled in the class, which can accommodate 16 students each session. Currently there are 16 adults enrolled in morning and evening classes.

Davis said the program teaches adult learners to write phonetically.

"PALS is aimed at those adults and adolescents who read below a fifth grade level. The program utilizes touch-screen technology to allow students to interact directly with the program," he said.

And, according to adjunct faculty instructors Mrs. Carol Vickers, Mrs. Jean McNair and Mrs. Lynn Myers, it is the student's ability "to interact with the computer" that makes the program so effective.

"From the very first day in class, students can touch the computer with their fingers and suddenly they are in control," said Mrs. Vickers who also teaches English at East Central.

Mrs. Vickers said the adult learners had never before been in

control of anything education-wise until they enrolled in the PALS Program. And now they can go back home to friends and say, "Hey, I'm not in class just learning to read and write, I'm at East Central learning how to operate a computer."

Because of the way the PALS Program is utilized at the college, adult learners quickly build self-esteem.

Mrs. McNair, an elementary school teacher at Beulah Hubbard, said students raise their reading levels by 24-28 months in the 20-week course, with some adults making measurable stride in a shorter period of time.

"It is amazing to watch adult students change their attitudes and feelings about themselves, even in

their speech patterns," said Mrs. Myers, who also has returned to the classroom and is an elementary education major at Mississippi State University.

Davis said when an adult student has completed the PALS Program, he or she can then transfer to the GED prep program to increase reading, writing and math skills and thus be prepared to take the GED Test and receive the high school equivalency diploma.

For further information concerning the college's Adult Basic Education Program, please contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327 or Phone 635-2111, extension 279.



GIVING FOR OTHERS

East Central students Jodie Hill and Jimmy Hogan were among many volunteers who donated blood during a recent drive conducted by United Blood Services of Meridian. (Photo by David LeBlanc)

ADULT LEARNER

Adult learner, Mrs. Ruth Tatum of Lawrence, is shown learning reading and writing skills by using the IBM PALS computer system offered at East Central Community College in Decatur. Standing is East Central adjunct faculty member Mrs. Jean McNair who serves as one of three classroom instructors in the college's Adult Basic Education Program.

College to be Featured on 'Good Morning America'

East Central Community College will gain national exposure in late May when the college will present the featured greeting on ABC's *Good Morning America* show.

The time of East Central's "greeting" is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. Monday, May 28, 1990 which is also Memorial Day.

Freshman Kristi Patrick of Carthage and a graduate of Leake Academy, will deliver the beginning message, which is: "Hi, I'm Kristi Patrick of East Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi." Then the remaining 500 or so voices, led by College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, join in by saying, "Good Morning, America!"

The segment was filmed in late 1989 by representatives of WTOK-TV (Channell 11) in Meridian at no cost to the college.

"I certainly invite all our alumni and friends to tune in on May 29 and witness East Central receiving this national publicity. Special thanks are also extended to WTOK-TV for coming to our campus and filming the segment for broadcast," said Dr. Smith.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

1990 Spring Exam Schedule

PERIOD	Friday, May 4, 1990	TIME
7	8 a.m.-10 a.m.	
2	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	
	Monday, May 7, 1990	
1	8 a.m.-10 a.m.	
6	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	
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All Vocational course exams will be given Wednesday, May 9, 1990, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
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Administrative Secretary
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Billy Mart Murphree, Ovid Vickers.

Basic Carpentry & Cabinet Making

Dennis Coats, Wesley Wardell Lewis, William McElhenney, Tommy Warnsley.

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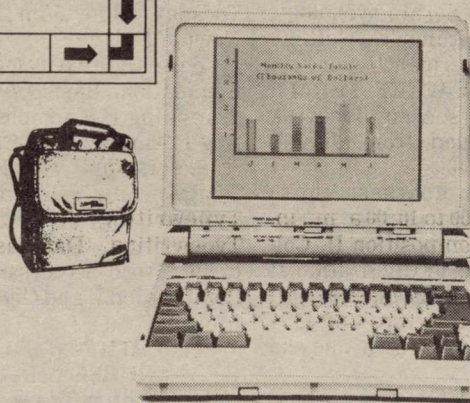
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East Central Announces Summer Class Schedule

East Central Community College has announced its 1990 summer class schedule with a wide variety of day and evening courses being offered on the Decatur campus and at locations throughout the five-county district.

The first course offered is a special three-week American Literature I class which will meet each day from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m. beginning May 14 and continuing through June 1 on the Decatur campus. Registration for the intersession class is scheduled for 8 a. m. Monday, May 14 in Newton Hall. Advance registration can be completed the week of May 7 in the Office of Admissions, Records and Research.

FIRST FIVE-WEEK TERM

The college's first five-week term is scheduled from June 4 through July 6.

First period classes, those which meet from 8:00 to 10:00 a. m., include Human Growth and Development, English Composition I, Intermediate Algebra, American National Government and Principles of Economics. General Biology (lecture and lab) class will begin at 7:30 a. m. and end at 10:30 a. m.

Second period classes, those meeting from 10:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., include General Psychology, English Literature I, College Algebra and American History.

SECOND FIVE-WEEK TERM

The college's second five-week term is scheduled from July 9 through August 10.

First period courses, those meeting from 8:00 to 10:00 a. m., include English Composition II, College Algebra, World Civilization II and Principles of Economics II. General Biology (lecture and lab) class will begin at 7:30 a. m. and end at 10:30 a. m.

Second period classes, which

meet from 10:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., include English Literature II, Oral Communication, American National Government and Trigonometry.

The cost per academic or technical hour is \$40.

VOCATIONAL DAY COURSE OFFERED

Fifteen semester hours of Cosmetology courses will be offered as Cosmetology Theory, Cosmetology Practical V and Cosmetology Practical VI will be available for summer school students.

Cosmetology classes will meet daily (Monday through Friday) from 7:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. May 29 through August 10. Classes will break for lunch which is scheduled from 12:00 to 12:30 p. m.

Vocational course fees are \$400.00 for the summer session. A first-time cosmetology student is required to pay an additional \$160.00 laboratory fee. All fees are payable in advance at the beginning of the summer session.

ACADEMIC EVENING COURSES (Decatur)

Registration for academic evening courses offered on the Decatur campus will be held at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, June 5 in Room 60 of Newton Hall.

Courses offered include Oral Communication, Basic Computer Programming I, Principles of Accounting I, American Literature II, Art Appreciation, Elementary Typewriting, Intermediate Typewriting, Advanced Typewriting, Database Management, Word Processing, English Composition I, and General Biology I.

VOCATIONAL EVENING COURSES (Decatur)

Registration for vocational evening

courses offered on the Decatur campus will be held at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, June 5 in the vocational building.

COURSES OFFERED IN CARTHAGE

Registration for evening classes offered in Carthage will be held at 6:30 p. m. Thursday, June 7 at Carthage High School.

Courses offered include English Composition I, Introduction to Data Processing, College Algebra, English Literature I and Oral Communication.

COURSES OFFERED IN FOREST

Registration for evening courses offered in Forest will be held at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, June 5 at the Forest-Scott County Vocational-Technical Center.

Classes available include English Composition I, Trigonometry, College Algebra and American History I.

COURSES OFFERED IN LOUISVILLE

Summer classes in Louisville begin May 14 when English Literature I will be offered as a special three-week course. The class ends on June 1.

Three three-week terms are also scheduled in Louisville with registration for the first session set at 9:00 a. m. Friday, June 8 at the Winston County Vo-Tech Center. Classes begin Monday, June 11.

Courses offered include English Composition I (8:00 to 11:00 a. m.), American History I (6:30 to 9:30 p. m.) and Business Law (6:30 to 9:30 p. m.).

Registration for the second three-week term will be held at 11:00 a. m. Friday, June 29 at the vocational-technical center.

Course offerings include English Composition II (8:00 to 11:00 a. m.), American History II (6:30 to 9:30 p. m.) and Principles of Economics I (6:30 to 9:30 p. m.).

Registration for the third three-week term will be held at 11:00 a. m. Friday, July 20 at the vo-tech center.

Courses offered include Trigonometry (8:00 to 11:00 a. m.), American National Government (6:30 to 9:30 p. m.), English Literature I (8:00 to 11:00 a. m.) and Principles of Economics II (6:30 to 9:30 p. m.).

(Note: A student may not register for more than one three-week class per session).

SUMMER EVENING PROGRAM (Louisville)

Registration for a special 7½-week summer evening program in Louisville will be held at 6:30 p. m. Monday, June 4 at the vocational-technical center. Classes will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p. m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The course being offered is Oral Communication.

COURSES OFFERED IN PHILADELPHIA

Three summer sessions are scheduled in Philadelphia, including a five-week term, a seven-and-a-half week summer evening session, and a four-week term.

FIRST FIVE WEEK TERM

Registration for the five-week and seven-and-a-half week terms will be held at 6:30 p. m. Monday, June 4 at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational Technical Center.

Day courses offered during the five-week term include English Composition I (8:00 to 10:00 a. m.)

and College Algebra (10:15 a. m. to 2:15 p. m.). English Composition I (8:00 to 10:00 a. m.) and College Algebra (10:15 a. m. to 12:15 p. m.). English Composition I will also be available as an evening course and will be offered from 6:30 to 9:30 p. m.

During a special seven-and-a-half week term, courses offered are Business Law and English Literature, which will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p. m.

FOUR-WEEK SECOND TERM

Registration for the second term will be held at 6:30 p. m. Monday, July 9 at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center.

Courses offered include English Composition II (8:00 to 10:30 a. m.), General Psychology (6:30 to 9:00 p. m.) and English Composition II (6:30 to 9:00 p. m.).

SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

Summer commencement exercises will be held at 8 p. m. Monday, August 13, 1990 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

For further information concerning summer classes, please contact the Director of Admissions, Records and Research, East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi or Phone 635-2111, extension 206.



Music Instructor Miss Leesa Lee. (Photo by Del Crocker)

Teacher Spotlight Shines on Music Instructor Leesa Lee

By TIMONY BELL and
DAWN BRADFORD

What makes a good teacher? A good music teacher is made from talent, time and lots of hard work. These are the things that have made Ms. Leesa Lee one of the finest music teachers in this area.

Ms. Lee knew from a very early age that she had the ability to become a good musician. Her mother, two sisters, and a brother have been involved in music. Therefore, music came naturally to her because she was raised in a musically oriented family.

Ms. Lee knew from the start of high school that she wanted to teach piano. She went on to Mississippi State University to major in music. There she obtained her bachelors degree and started her masters. It was not until moving to this area and realizing the position here at East Central would soon be available that she decided to finish her masters. The summer she finished her studies the position became available. Her timing was perfect. She has been here since then, a total of five years.

Besides teaching private piano and organ, she also teaches sophomore theory, accompanies the choir, is cheerleader sponsor, heads up the beauty pageant, and teaches a class entitled, Music for Children.

She is also organist at her church.

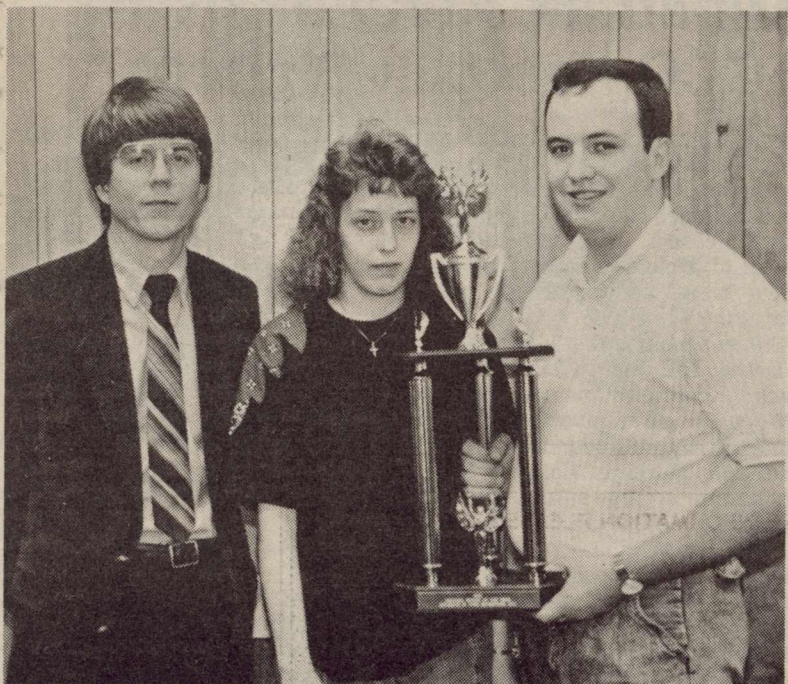
Ms. Lee feels that the atmosphere and working conditions at East Central are excellent. She enjoys having a new slate of students each year. Because of the size of the school she is able to get close to those students and also to the faculty.

She not only enjoys music but is a clothes fanatic. Her mother works in a dress shop in Forest, and she enjoys working at the clothing store. If one day she had to choose a second career, she said she would like to go into fashion merchandising.

When asked about her plans for the future she comments that she would like to marry again. But, she feels that she will always teach some form of music, whether here or somewhere else.

Her advice to students is to get all you can from a community college, because you will not find a better atmosphere for learning and meeting new people.

The person she said was her greatest influence was her mother. Her mother let her be herself and decide what she wanted from life, then helped her reach those goals. She also passed on some great advice which has been passed on from generation to generation. Now Ms. Lee would like to pass it on to everyone else. That is, "Be yourself, but be somebody."



REGIONAL AWARD WINNERS

The East Central Community College chapter of Students in Free Enterprise, an organization of students interested in business careers, was recently selected "Rookie Chapter of the Year" at the association's regional convention held in Atlanta. The East Central club is actively involved in various activities which promote the free enterprise system. Representing the college at the awards ceremony were, from left, advisor Jim Stroo who also serves as business law and economics instructor, and students Candie Beckham Beaver and husband Johnny Beaver of Decatur. Mrs. Beaver is a graduate of Edinburg High School and Beaver is a Scott Central graduate. Stroo is a native of Hattiesburg.

SPORTS



ALL-STAR COACHES

East Central Community College basketball coaches Sammy Pace, left, and Jay Bowen shared coaching duties in the Mississippi Community/Junior College All-Star Game and led their respective teams to easy victories. Pace and Lester Owens of Hinds coached the South women to a 90-72 win over the North squad while Bowen and Hinds coach Joe Nelson directed the South men to an easy 107-89 thrashing over their North counterparts. East Central players who were selected to the South Division All-Star Squads included Tuttie Edwards of Jonesboro, Louisiana; Sadie Triplett of Louisville and Kelvin Young of Philadelphia. The annual All-Star Classic was held April 6 at Holmes Community College in Goodman.



DIAMOND GIRLS

Diamond Girl team members for the 1990 season include, kneeling from left, Paula Carter, Union; Stacy Williamson, Neshoba Central; Heather Weidler, Decatur; mascot Nikki Clark, daughter of Coach and Mrs. Jamie Clark; Karen Valentine, Newton; Wendy Gray, Philadelphia; Kim Cashio, Fordoche, Louisiana; standing, from left, Michelle Lawrence, Pisgah; Sandra Collins, Union; Kim Alford, Carthage; Missy Smith, Martie Brewer and Amy Cumberland, all of Neshoba Central.



ECCC INTRAMURAL CHAMPS

Phi Slamma Jamma recently captured top honors in the men's intramural basketball league competition at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include, kneeling from left, Larod Odom, Forest; Roger Bloodsaw, Walnut Grove; Jeffery Thomas, Forest; Marcus Triplett, Philadelphia; standing, from left, Coach Gregory Griffin and Donald Culberson, both of Philadelphia; Chris Williams, Lake; Wayne Kelly, Philadelphia; Anthony Walker, Demopolis, Ala.; and John Ricks, Carthage. Griffin received the league's "Coach of the Year" award and was presented a certificate from intramural director Mike Anderson.

Kilpatrick Announces ECCC Football Signees

East Central Community College head football coach A. J. Kilpatrick has announced signees for the 1990 season. Coach Kilpatrick said he is "well pleased" with the incoming group of athletes and said he expects to sign additional in-district players.

Signees include the following:

Dewey Lee, 6-foot, 175 defensive back; Kendrick Coleman, 6-foot, 170-pound wide receiver; David Coleman, 6-foot, 190-pound defensive end and Markéye Holmes, 5-10, 170-pound strong safety, all of Louisville.

Willie McClelland, 5-11, 175-pound running back, Beulah Hubbard; Scott Shoemaker, 6-1, 225-pound offensive tackle, Tony Adams, 5-11, 160-pound defensive back and William Porter, 5-10, 165-pound kicker, all of Morton;

Jerry Welch, 5-10, 170-pound running back, Neshoba Central; Paul Evans, 6-foot, 210-pound center, Lake; Timothy Ellingburg, 6-5, 220-pound tight end and Earl Campbell, 5-11, 170-pound running back, Union.

Out-of-state signees include Dwayne Johnson, 6-3, 270-pound offensive tackle and Derrick Gwin, 6-2, 235-pound tight end/defensive end, both of Thomasville, Alabama; Russell Meeks, 6-1, 195-pound defensive back, Evergreen, Alabama;

Russell Ellis, 6-3, 215-pound linebacker, Gosnell, Arkansas; Chris Houston, 5-11, 250-pound offensive lineman, Oxford, Alabama; Marcus Street, 6-foot, 210-pound linebacker and Anthony Thomas, 6-2, 195-pound linebacker, both of Columbus, Georgia.

ECCC Golfers Place Second in Tournament

Led by B. J. Hailey's round of 77, East Central Community College golfers tied for second place honors in tournament action held April 17 on the Newton Country Club course.

The East Central team carded a 317 total which deadlocked the Warrior squad with Hinds linksters. Northwest captured top honors in the one-day match with a 311 score.

Besides Hailey, other EC golfers and their scores included Brian Cooper and Jud Nance, who each shot 79; John Lockett, 82; and Ken McMullan, 87. The top four scores are used to determine a team's score.

The Warrior golfers are coached by Joe Clark.

ECCC Coach Bowen Announces Early Signees

Three area All-State performers and one standout athlete from Georgia are among early signees for the 1990-91 East Central Community College men's basketball team, announced Warrior head coach Jay Bowen.

Bowen, who recently completed his first year at East Central, said the recently signed recruits include Vandy Hopson, a 6-5, 190-pound forward and Mark Stribling, a 6-0, 162-pound guard, both of Philadelphia High School; Luther Riley, a 6-0, 155-pound point guard from South Leake High School in Walnut Grove; and Tony Bailey, a 6-5, 190-pound 1-2-3-4 man who hails from Villa Rica High School in Villa Rica, Georgia.

The Warriors coach said Hopson and Stribling are two of the "big guns" who led Philadelphia to the State Class 2A runner-up title and a 29-7 record.

Hopson averaged 22 points, 10 rebounds and four block shots per game and was named All-State, All-District, All South-Half and has been selected to play in the Mississippi High School All-Star Basketball Game this summer.

Bowen said Hopson is a "a big 3-man who can handle the ball and shoot the three-pointer."

Stribling, who averaged 18 points, six rebounds and five assists per game, is described by Coach Bowen

as "a great athlete who can also hit three-pointers." He was also chosen to the All-State, All-District and All South-Half squads.

Bowen said Riley is "a very quick guard who can hit the three-pointer." The EC coach said Riley made four clutch free throws "down the stretch" in the state championship game with Philadelphia which helped seal the victory for South Leake.

Following his outstanding season Riley was also named to the All-State squad and will play in this summer's All-Star classic.

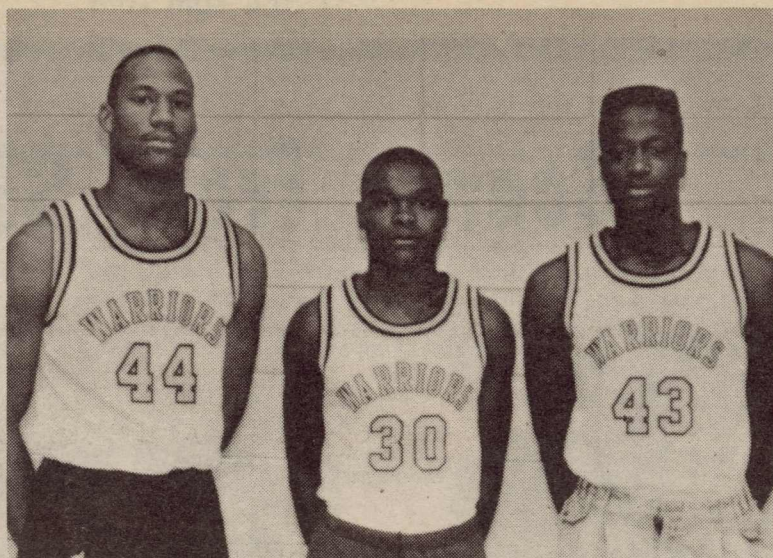
Bailey, the first out-of-state signee to ink with the Warriors, averaged 23 points and 12 rebounds per game and led Villa Rica to an 18-8 record and the team's third straight appearance in the Georgia state tournament.

He was selected "Conference Player of the Year" and was named to the All-Conference first team.

Bailey also received All-State second team honors and has been selected to play in the Tennessee-Georgia and Georgia All-Star games.

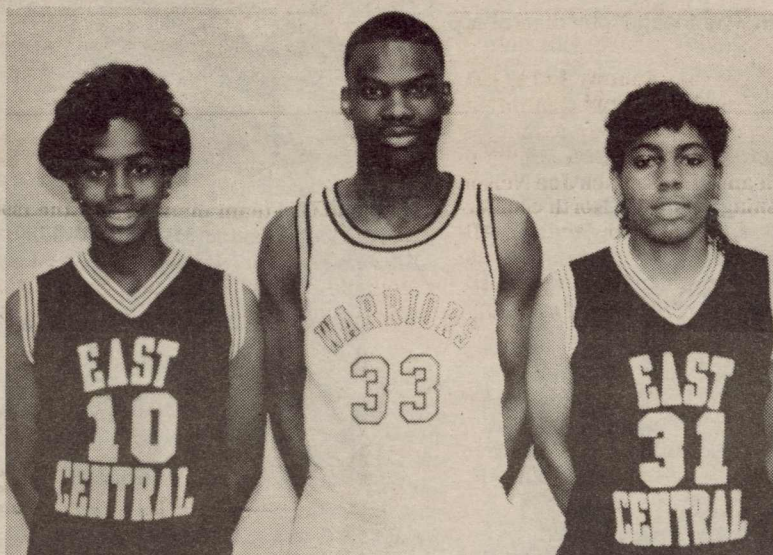
Bowen said Bailey is "a very versatile player who can play the 1-2-3-4 spots."

The Warrior head coach said he expects to announce additional signees within the next few weeks.



RECEIVE POST SEASON HONORS

East Central Community College freshman basketball players, from left, Michael James of Gary, Indiana; Terry Thames of Little Rock and Tyrone Stowers of Forest were recently named to the All-State honorable mention team for the 1989-1990 season. Stowers, a former standout player at Scott Central High School, led the Warriors in scoring with a 16.8 per game average. Thames, a Beulah Hubbard graduate, was the squad's second leading pointmaker with a 12.3 average. James, who played for Gary Lew Wallace High School, averaged 8.9 points per game and led the Warriors in rebounds with a 5.9 average. East Central, under first-year head coach Jay Bowen, finished the season with an 8-16 overall record and 4-8 South Division mark.

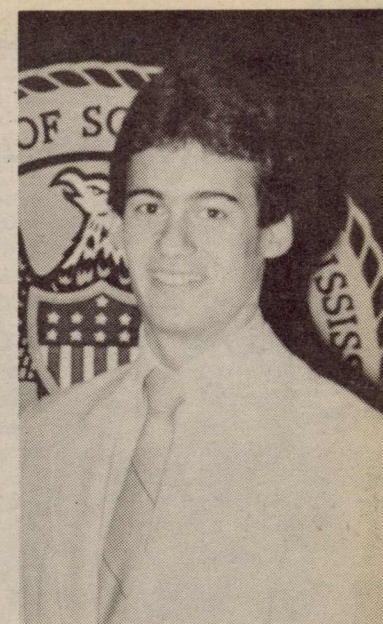


EAST CENTRAL ALL-STARS

These East Central Community College basketball players were named to the Mississippi/Junior College All-Star Squads and were instrumental in leading their respective teams to South Division victories. From left are, Tuttie Edwards of Jonesboro, Louisiana; Kelvin Young of Philadelphia; and Sadie Triplett of Louisville. Edwards scored 10 points and Triplett had four in leading the South women to a 90-72 win over their North counterparts while Young tallied two points in the South men's 107-89 victory. East Central coaches Sammy Pace and Jay Bowen shared South Division coaching duties for the women's and men's teams, respectively. The annual All-Star Classic was held April 6 on the Holmes Community College campus in Goodman.



Lunch Break



WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Benjamin James Guthrie of Forest received a \$3,400 Scholar Award at the University of Southern Mississippi. Four students were chosen for the award from among 130 applications. Requirements were a 3.5 or better grade-point average upon the completion of at least 40 community/junior college credit hours. Guthrie, a student at East Central Community College, is a President's List and Dean's List scholar, and was named to Who's Who in American Junior/Community Colleges. His activities at ECCC include Phi Theta Kappa, ECCC President's Council, Phi Beta Lambda, Mu Alpha Theta and Students in Free Enterprise. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pace Guthrie.

Lady Warriors, Warriors Have Successful Season

By TRACY HENRY and DONNA SMITH

The Lady Warriors and Warriors had a successful season. These athletes played with their heart and soul each time they stepped out on the court. But now basketball season has come to an end.

The Lady Warriors have accomplished a lot this season. They captured the runners-up spot in the state community/junior college tournament. They advanced to the Region 23 competition, but they lost to Jones Junior College in first-round action. However, Coach Pace had the privilege of being the head coach for the South All Stars. Tuttie Edwards of Jonesboro, Louisiana and Sadie Triplett of Louisville, were selected to play on the all star team for the south. Tuttie was one of the five starters for the south. The Lady Warriors worked hard for success and hard work pays off. Congratulations Lady Warriors for all your achievements.

The Warriors played with their hearts this season. They did not have a winning season, but they improved the record from the past season. They had a lot of heart-breaking games losing by only one and three points. The Warriors had a very young team because they only had one sophomore. The one and only sophomore, Kelvin Young, was selected to the South All Star team. Thanks Warriors for playing from the heart and giving it your best shot!

ECCC BASEBALL CAPTAINS

Selected as captains on the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1990 season are, from left, pitcher Brian Senn of Demopolis, Ala.; second baseman Scott Fulcher of Louisville; and outfielder Joey Boykin of Winston Academy. The Diamond Warriors are coached by Jamie Clark.



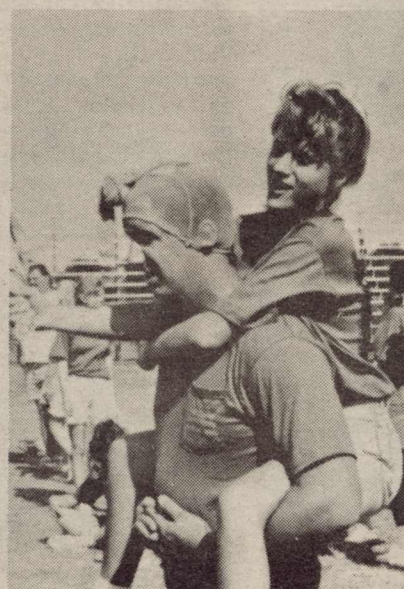
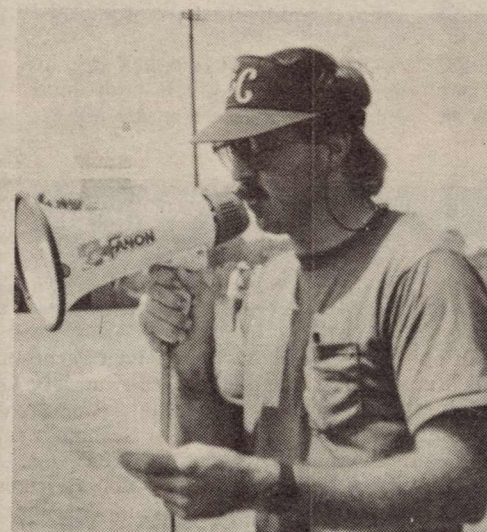
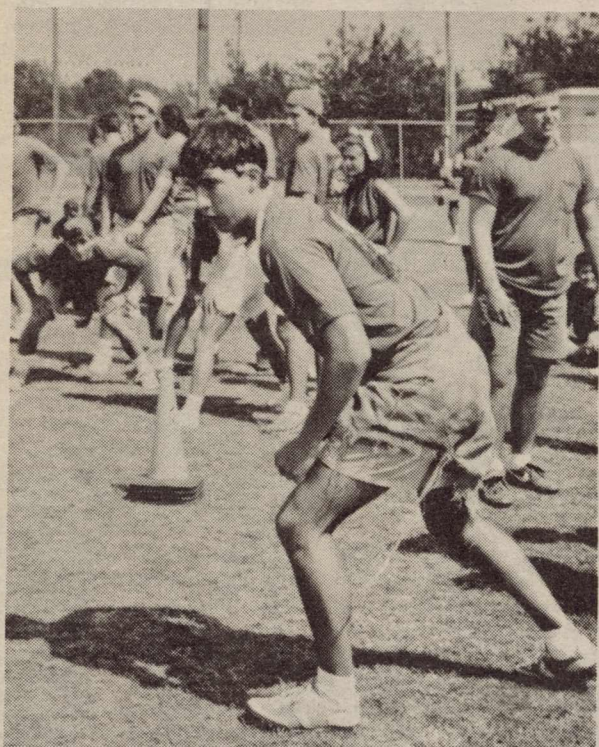
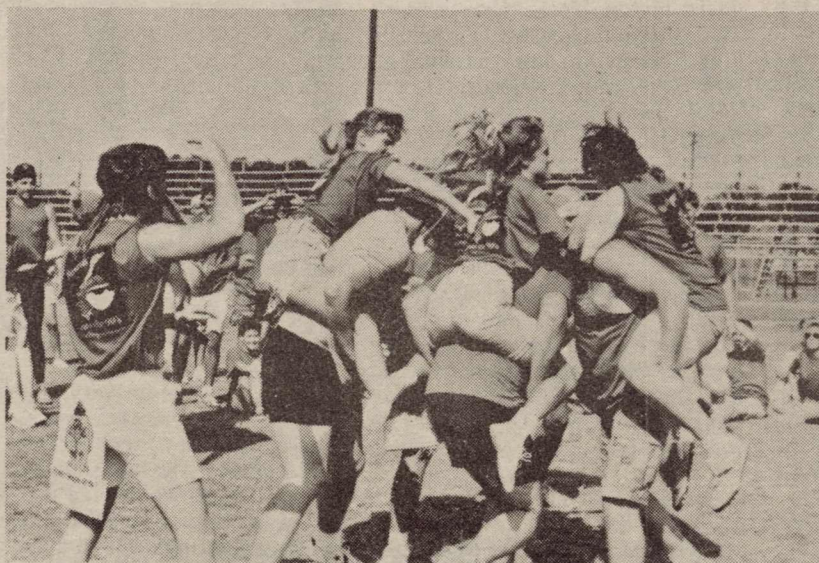
Scenes from SPRING

S P R E E



Spring Spree Winners

"Ovid's Outcasts" captured top honors in the annual Spring Spree competition. Team members are shown above. Others on the winning squad not shown include Kim Griffin and Heather Sharp



★ Awards

categories:

VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Auto mechanics, Leslie Kevin Ethridge, Beulah Hubbard; auto body and fender repair, Billy Mart Murphree, West Lauderdale;

Cabinetmaking, James Archie Woodson, Neshoba Central; carpentry, Issac Lyons, Neshoba Central; cosmetology, Debbie K. Mayes, Newton; electricity, Kenneth Lamar Bradley, Beulah Hubbard; machine

shop, Linzie Lee Dorris, South Leake; masonry, Marcus A. Walters, Forest; refrigeration and air conditioning, Vincent J. Herrington, Union;

Welding, Gail Bernard Triplett, Louisville; and vocational student of the year, Linzie Lee Dorris, South Leake.

TECHNICAL AWARDS

Child care technology, Shantell Braggs, Forest; computer

technology, Janet Thrash Bullard, Sebastopol and Marla Lee Chamblee, Leake Academy; drafting, William David Adams, Leake Academy; electronic technology, Cheryl Ann Winstead, Morton; and technical student of the year, Stella Ruth Dickerson, Union.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Citizenship, Linzie Lee Dorris, South Leake; Delta Kappa Gamma, Connie Michelle Myers, Sebastopol;

ECCC Players, Stacy Susan Radigan, Union; ECCC Singers, Rosetta Gail Howard, Noxapater and Brian Jess Roland, Morton; freshman chemistry, Dexter Troy Thornton, Leake Academy; Kappa Kappa Iota, Karla Deann Munn, Beulah Hubbard;

Freshman mathematics, Bethany Lynne Brantley, Leake Academy; sophomore mathematics, Stephanie Ruth Patrick, East Rankin Academy; S. Lebrum Hutchison, Michael William Arthur, Edinburg;

Secondary Education, Connie Michelle Myers, Sebastopol; Spanish, Michelle Denise Faulkner, Morton; USM Eddie M. Smith Scholarship, Johnny Warren Beaver, Scott Central; Wo-He-Lo, Heather Weidler, Decatur and Tammy Michelle Lawrence, Pisgah.

ALUMNI MEMORIAL AWARDS

Alatha Chaney (English), Candie Beckham Beaver, Edinburg; Andrew F. Webb (football), Wert Lee Spiva, Noxapater; Billy Wayne Baucum (secondary education), Joyce Payne Luke, Decatur;

Danny R. Killens (engineering), Dana Leigh Gressett, Hickory; Dr. Edwin Miller (medical services) Alan Ray Ezelle, Forest;

Earline Wood (women's basketball), Diana Leigh Davidson, Sebastopol; Howard Sessums (men's basketball), James W. Edwards, Calera, Ala.; Jack B. Mayo (Phi Theta Kappa) Benjamin James Guthrie, Scott Central;

Opal McMullan Dickinson (elementary education), Tina Miller Harris, Decatur;

Sara Carr Deaton Memorial Award (business technology-one year students), Amy Melissa Kirby, Leake Academy and Shunda Daneese Nichols, Philadelphia; Sue Yarbrough Fulgham (speech), Derek Chapman Rogers, Morton; W. A. Coursey Jr., (engineering), John Alan Anthony, Philadelphia; and William S. Giffin (men's intramurals), Maurice Backstrom, Neshoba Central.

FACULTY MEMORIAL AWARDS

Charles H. Pennington Memorial Award (business technology-two year students), Deborah Lynn Wolverton, Union; Frank Edwin

Leatherwood Scholarship, Tanya Harrison Aycox, Newton Academy and Alisha Michalle Everett, Hickory; J. Andy Miller (freshman engineering), Roger Kevin Winstead, Scott Central; and Wallace C. Bedwell (business), Benjamin James Guthrie, Scott Central.

HEADWAE

RECOGNITION

Miss Lucille Wood, an instructor of health, physical education and recreation, and non-traditional student Mrs. Joyce Payne Luke of Decatur were recognized as the college's outstanding faculty member and student for 1989-90.

They were honored along with other college instructors and students during the third annual Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Excellence program, sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature.

GOVERNMENT AWARDS

Students receiving National Collegiate Student Government Awards included Student Body Association officers Hal Land (president) and B. J. Hailey (vice president), both of Louisville;

Jimbo Patterson (secretary) of Demopolis, Ala., and Karen Valentine (treasurer) of Newton.

Awards also went to sophomore class president, Missy Smith, Neshoba Central and freshman class president, Opie Ray, Philadelphia.

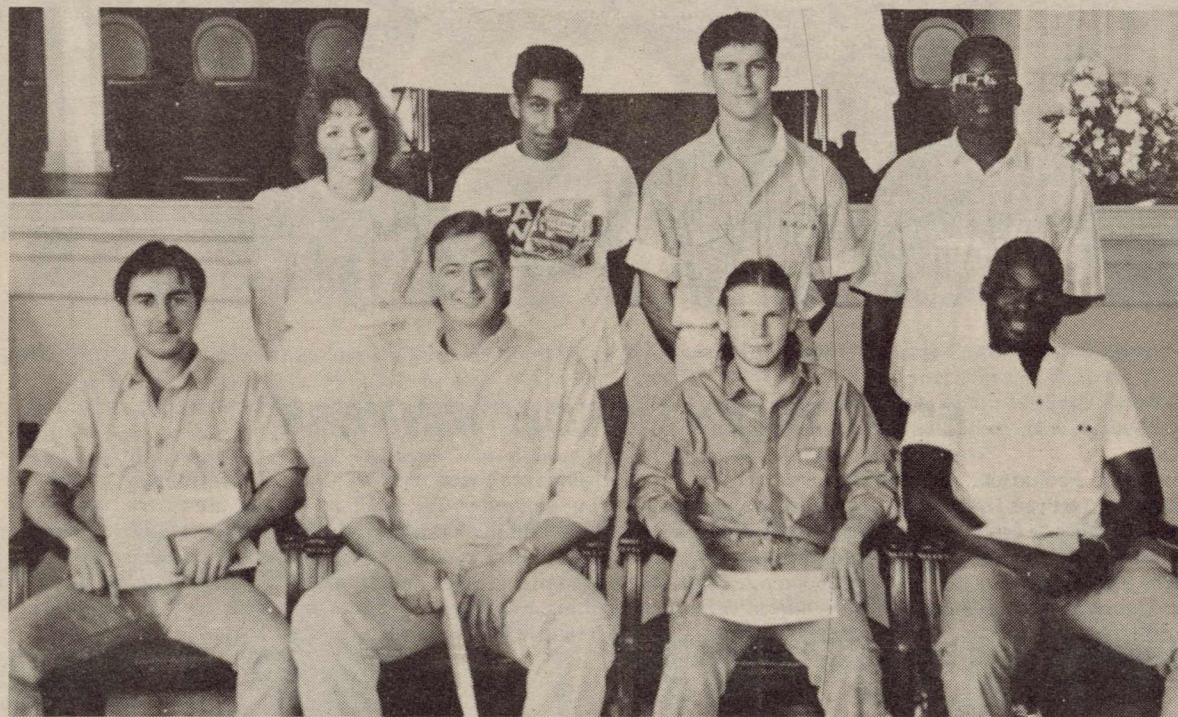
SCHOLAR'S BOWL TEAM

The ECCC Scholars Bowl Team was also recognized and included Dana Gressett, Hickory; Cindy Hall, Neshoba Central; Connie Myers, Sebastopol; and Heather Weidler, Decatur.

Recognition was also made of the college's outstanding athletes and students who were earlier named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

Following the awards ceremonies, which was held in Huff Auditorium, a picnic luncheon was provided on the East Mall area.

Entertainment was provided by the college's jazz band, directed by Thomas W. Carson.



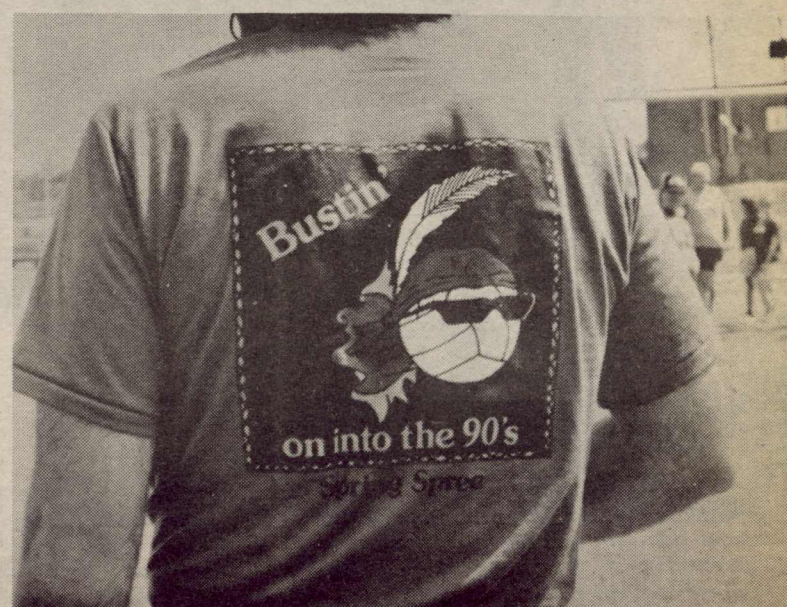
RECEIVE ECCC VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Students at East Central Community College who received Vocational Awards during the recent Awards Day activities held on the Decatur campus included, seated from left, Leslie Kevin Ethridge of Beulah Hubbard, Auto Mechanics; Billy Mart Murphree of West Lauderdale, Auto Body and Fender Repair; James Archie Woodson of Neshoba Central, Cabinetmaking; Issac Lyons of Neshoba Central, Carpentry; standing, from left, Debbie K. Mayes of Newton, Cosmetology; Linzie Lee Dorris of South Leake, Vocational Student of the Year and Machine Shop award winner; Vincent J. Herrington of Union, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, and Gail Bernard Triplett of Louisville, Welding. Not pictured are Kenneth Lamar Bradley of Beulah Hubbard, Electricity; and Marcus A. Walters of Forest, Masonry.



ECCC SPECIAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Students at East Central Community College in Decatur who received Special Awards during the recent Awards Day activities included, seated from left, Bethany Brantley of Leake Academy, Freshman Mathematics; Karla Munn of Beulah Hubbard, Kappa Kappa Iota; Michelle Lawrence of Pisgah, Wo-He-Lo; Heather Weidler of Decatur, Wo-He-Lo; Stacy Radigan of Oxford, ECCC Players; standing, from left, Linzie Dorris of South Leake, Citizenship; Connie Myers of Sebastopol, Delta Kappa Gamma and Secondary Education; Stephanie Patrick of East Rankin Academy, Sophomore Mathematics; Michelle Denise Faulkner of Morton, Spanish; Rosetta Howard of Noxapater, ECCC Singers; and Johnny Beaver of Scott Central, USM Eddie M. Smith Scholarship. Not pictured are Brian Roland of Morton, ECCC Singers; Dexter Troy Thornton of Leake Academy, Freshman Chemistry; and Michael William Arthur of Edinburg, S. Lebrum Hutchison.



'Official Spring Spree Tee'



CONTRIBUTES TO COLLEGIANS' TRIP

Financial support continues to grow for the East Central Community College Collegians who are nearing their goal of raising \$6,000 to cover expenses for a scheduled May 23, 1990 concert appearance at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Directed by Thomas W. Carson, members of the vocal-instrumental pop group have raised over \$4,000 through various donations, activities, and events. In the above photo, Heather Weidler of Decatur, editor of the Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff, presents an envelope containing over \$100 to Collegians' group member Donnie Montgomery of Philadelphia. The funds were raised through the yearbook staff's annual picture sale. For further information concerning contributions and the Disney World performance, please contact Mr. Carson, phone 635-2111, extension 228 or send tax deductible donations to The Collegians, P. O. Box 44, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327.



ECCC TALENT SHOW WINNERS

"Academic Probation," a recently formed rock n' roll group composed of East Central Community College students, captured first place honors in the college's spring semester Talent Show. Group members include, from left, Donnie Montgomery and Chris Little, both of Philadelphia; Kimberly Hobby, Louisville; Brian Waddell, Philadelphia; Melinda McMullan, Decatur; Mark Branning, Philadelphia; and in back is Scott Walker, also of Philadelphia. The group was also one of the featured entertainers during ECCC's Senior Day activities held March 29. Other Talent Show winners were vocalist Jana Fanning of Hickory and "rapper" Gary Grant of Louisville, who tied for second place honors; and vocalists-guitarists Emily Graham of Philadelphia and Tara VanDevender of Union who teamed to win third place.

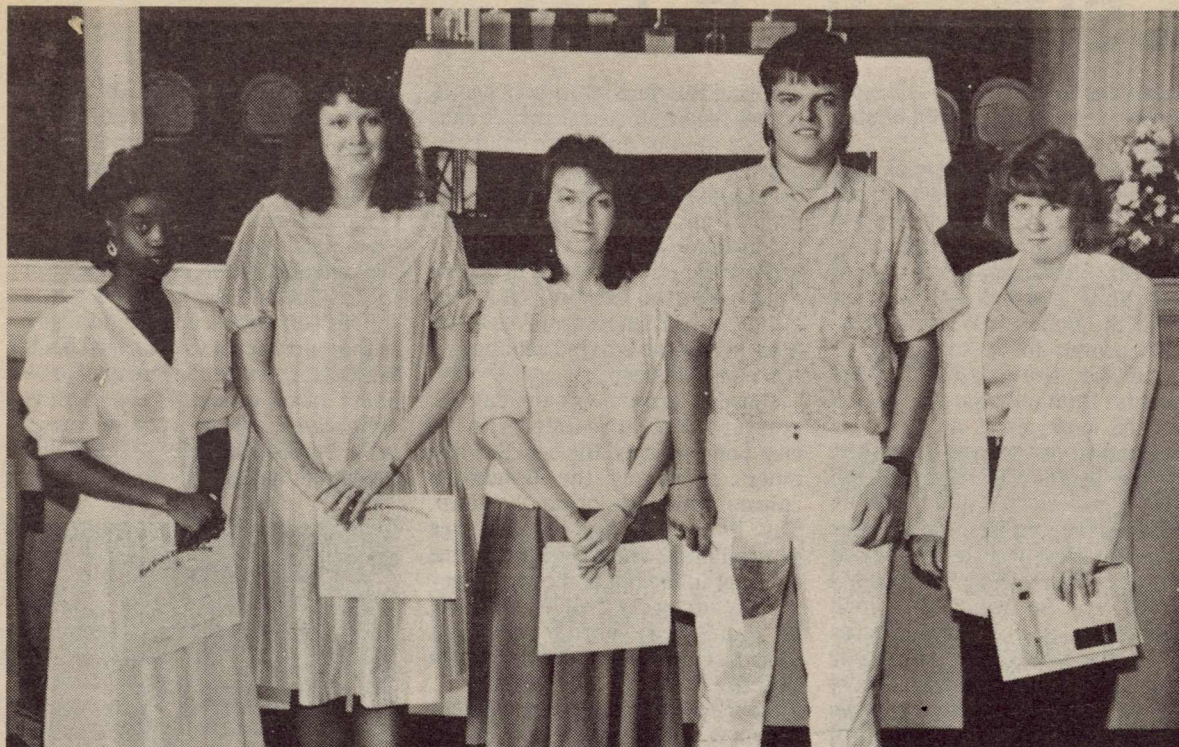


Getting ready for the sack race



COLLEGIANS HOLD SPRING CONCERT

The Collegians, East Central Community College's vocal-instrumental pop group, were presented in their annual spring semester concert which was held Monday, April 23 in Huff Auditorium. Directed by Thomas W. Carson who also plays rhythm guitar, the popular musicians performed selections by such artists as Phil Collins, Shenandoah and Warrant. Group members include, kneeling, from left, technicians Robbie Palmieri, Louisville; Mark Branning, Philadelphia; Brent Warren, Morton; and Eddie Davenport, Meridian; second row, from left, David Shaw, trumpet, Meridian; Meg Jones, vocalist, Forest; Jana Fanning, vocalist, Hickory; Tammitha Worley, vocalist, Union; Scott Walker, drums, Philadelphia; Donnie Montgomery, lead guitar, Philadelphia; back row, from left, Jeffery Winstead, trombone, Philadelphia; Jason Hisaw, trumpet, Louisville; Charla McFarland, horn, Philadelphia; Kevin Weeks, vocalist, Noxapater; Michael Roland, vocalist, Carthage; Brian Waddell, vocalist, Philadelphia; Duane Richardson, bass guitar, Philadelphia; and Tara VanDevender, keyboard, Union. Not pictured are technician Chris Little of Philadelphia and Mr. Carson.



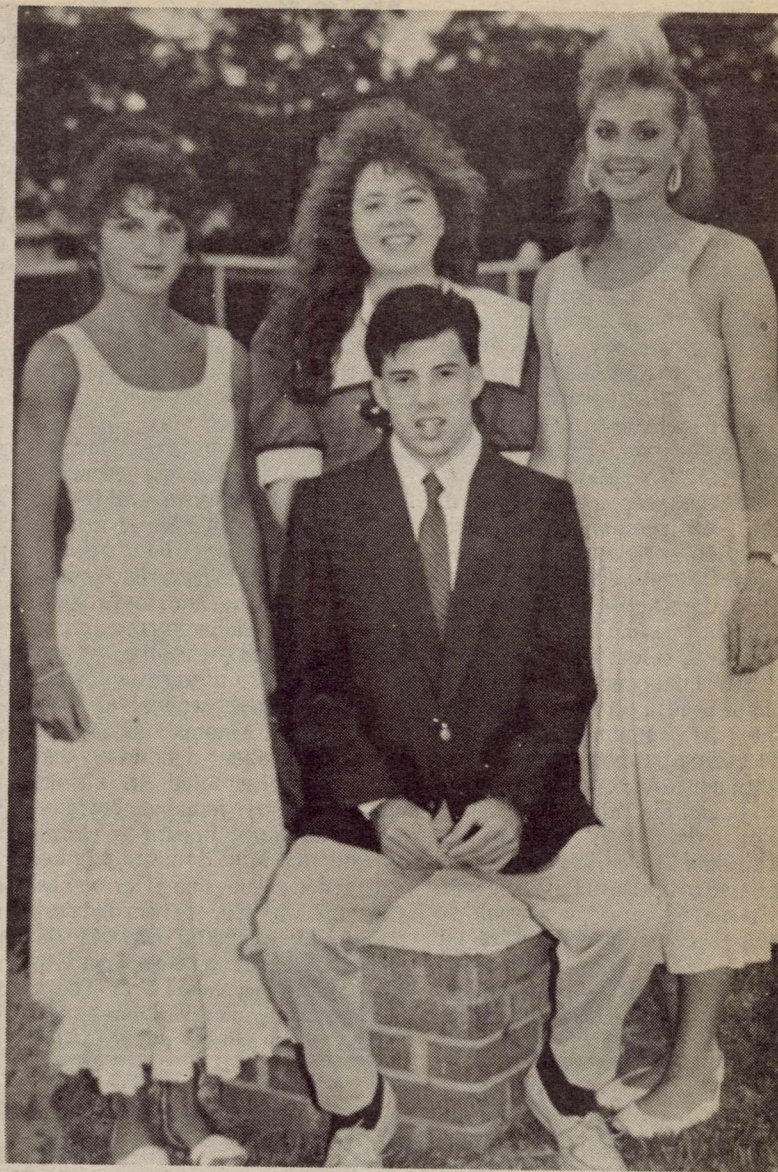
ECCC TECHNICAL AWARD WINNERS

Technical Awards presented during Awards Day activities held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur went to, from left, Shantell Braggs of Forest, Child Care Technology; Janet Thrash Bullard of Sebastopol, Computer Technology; Stella Ruth Dickerson of Union, Technical Student of the Year; William David Adams of Leake Academy, Drafting; and Cheryl Ann Winstead of Morton, Electronic Technology. Not pictured is Marla Lee Chamblee of Leake Academy who also received a Computer Technology award.



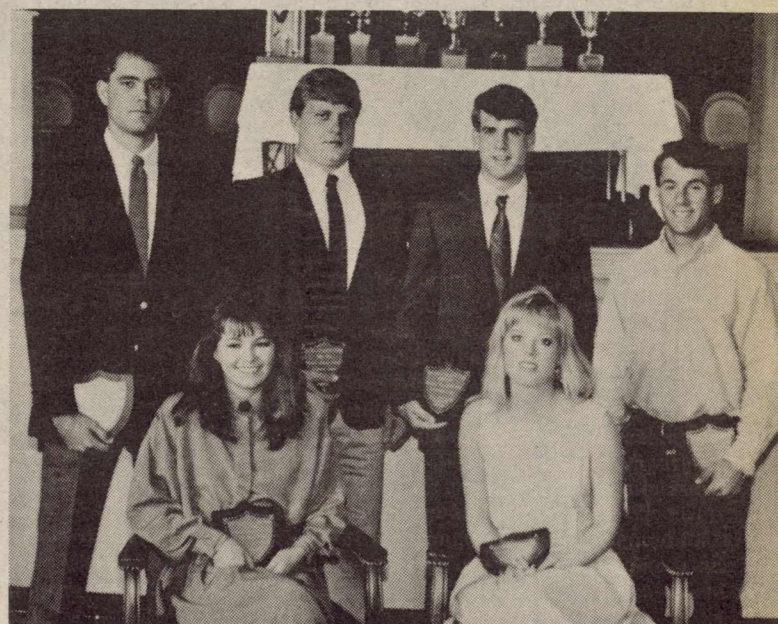
RECEIVE ECCC ALUMNI MEMORIAL AWARDS

Alumni Memorial Awards, presented during Awards Day activities held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur, went to, first row, from left, Tina Marie Harris of Decatur, Opal McMullan Dickinson (Elementary Education); Candi Beckham Beaver of Edinburg, Alatha Chaney (English Award); Joyce Luke of Decatur, Billy Wayne Baucum (Secondary Education); Dana Leigh Gressett of Hickory, Danny R. Killens (Engineering); Amy Melissa Kirby of Leake Academy, Sara Carr Deaton Memorial Award (Business Technology, One-Year Students); standing, from left, Derek Rogers of Morton, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham (Speech); Alan Ezelle of Forest, Dr. Edwin Miller (Medical Services); Maurice Backstrom of Neshoba Central, William S. Giffin (Men's Intramurals); Wert Spiva of Noxapater, Andrew F. Webb (Football); John Alan Anthony of Philadelphia, W. A. Coursey, Jr. (Engineering); Jimbo Edwards of Calera, Alabama, Howard Sessums (Men's Basketball); Diana Davidson of Sebastopol, Earline Wood (Women's Basketball); Vonda Germany Fraley of Union, recipient of one of two national awards presented for achievement for community and junior college students; and Shunda Daneese Nichols of Philadelphia, Sara Carr Deaton Memorial Award (Business Technology, One-Year Students). Not pictured is Ben Guthrie of Scott Central. Jack B. Mayo (Phi Theta Kappa).



NEW SBA OFFICERS

Recently elected Student Body Association officers for 1990-91 include seated, Chris Little of Philadelphia, president; standing, from left, Michelle Mitchell of Morton, vice president; Pam Gilmer of Neshoba Central, treasurer; and Michalle Everett of Hickory, secretary.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT AWARD WINNERS

These students at East Central Community College were presented National Collegiate Student Government Awards during the recent Awards Day activities held on the Decatur campus. Recipients included, seated from left, Missy Smith of Neshoba Central, Sophomore Class President; Karen Valentine of Newton, Student Body Association Treasurer; standing, from left, B. J. Hailey of Louisville, Student Body Association Vice President; Opie Ray of Philadelphia, Freshman Class President; Hal Land of Louisville, Student Body Association President; and Jimbo Patterson of Demopolis, Alabama, Student Body Association Secretary.

★ Graduates

Regenald Lee Andrew Luckett, Patrick Moore, Tyrone Stowers, Neal Vaughn, Mark Walters, Mark Christopher Warren, Travis Watkins and Timothy Vernard Wragg. Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Vincent Jerrell Herrington, David C.

McNeil and Larry Anthony Reeves. Welding Roger Bloodsaw, Joseph Brown, James Shan Lewis, William Darrell McCurry, Andrew Taylor, Dennis L. Thomas, Gail Bernard Tripplett and Ronnel Williams (Dec.)



Warrior Corps Storms the Bahamas

By JOHN KING

Spring break marked the time for the annual Warrior Corps trip. After quite a bit of debate, it was decided that Freeport, Bahamas would be the destination of Mr. Jefcoat's troop.

Upon completion of a tiring letter writing campaign, Warrior Corps members John King, Randy Baugh, Hal Land, Jana Fanning, Reed Kilpatrick, Timony Bell, B. J. Hailey, Leigh Ann Goolsby, Andy Hardy, Michalle Everett, and Shan Carpenter met guests Kevin Weeks, Angie Alderman, Brent Bailey, Leanne Brantley, Mark Covington, Leanne Thompson, Jamie Shepard, Sherri Williamson, and Lisa Williamson at Newton Hall to load the East Central minibus for a week of fun in the sun. No sooner had we gotten the bus loaded until it was found that a select few had forgotten their birth certificates which would be used to get in and out of the country. After solving this problem and figuring out how to get the air conditioner to work, we were on the road, bound for Tallahassee, Fla.

Soon after our arrival in Tallahassee, we were warmly welcomed to the Days Inn along with the Special Olympics, who would be sharing accommodations with us for the night. After a good night's sleep, the breakfast bar at Shoney's across the street was too good to pass up. Once everyone finished stuffing

themselves, we set out for Fort Lauderdale, where we would spend the next night before boarding the Sea Escape, the cruise vessel which would transport us to the Bahamas.

We were met in Fort Lauderdale by a friend and former Ole Miss teammate of Mr. Jefcoat, Joe Ray. Mr. Ray suggested a nice restaurant, which we visited, and then showed us the big city, which was full of life during the first weekend of spring break.

Five o'clock Sunday morning came early for the group, but all were bright because we knew in only a matter of hours we would be on our dream vacation in Freeport. The Sea Escape set sail about 8 a. m., where we would enjoy several hours of cool breeze, hot sun, and reggae music while anticipating our arrival in Freeport. No sooner had we gotten off the ship until we were welcomed into the wonderful world of Bahamian Customs. Our luggage was strewn about a building that somewhat resembled an airport hanger. After we found our luggage we had to wait in line for an eternity while the kind Bahamian ladies checked everyone's bags for no-nos. Once this was over, we boarded posh Cadillac limousines for our ride to the Windward Palms, a rather luxurious hotel right in the heart of Freeport. Little did we know our ride would be on the wrong side of the road (the

Bahamians drive on the left side, and use yield signs instead of stop lights).

Sunday night was spent exploring the town. With the International Bazaar just across the street, we didn't have to go far to find entertainment. The bazaar was full of shops that stocked goods from around the globe. Sir Winston Churchill's proved to be the place of choice for the night. College students from across the nation could be found here. An open air dance patio was enjoyed for awhile until we decided to return to the hotel to rest up for a day at the beach. Having our first opportunity to sleep late, we left the Windward Palms at lunch to enjoy a fine meal at the local Burger King, which would see us several more times the rest of the week. Soon after our meal, we boarded public transport in search of the beach. Searing rays of heat, white sands, and beautiful aqua blue ocean would play host to the group for the remainder of the afternoon. While on the beach, some opted to get their hair braided by Bahamian women who wandered across the beach making good money braiding hair. While some stayed around the beach longer than others, we congregated back at the hotel at dusk, weary from being in the sun so long and decided to go for a bite to eat. The group split, some

choosing Burger King, others choosing Michel's Cafe for the night's eats.

Word was out that a live band was playing at the Holiday Inn, so we once again loaded up the limo and headed out. On the way, Mark and Kevin made friends with Rich the limo driver, who would bring them a gift before the week was out. After a short stay, Rich returned us to the hotel, where we enjoyed yet another good night's sleep.

Tuesday proved to be a day for everyone to get acquainted with the city. Some enjoyed the beach, while others witnessed the Bahamian culture while exploring the town. The Bahamian way of life was somewhat relaxed. No Bahamians ever get in too big of a hurry. They are very friendly people, and most of them are very cooperative, though some seemed awful pushy at times.

Wednesday was spent just like the previous two days with one exception. While basking in the sunshine, a young man approached us and offered a night of dining in the tree tops eating delicate cuisine at a reasonable price. Being naive enough to believe the young swindler, we told him we would be at his establishment that night. Yes, we dined in the treetops, only the trees were a mere 10 feet tall. The reasonably priced cuisine turned out to be a burger and fries. The unreasonably priced cuisine included the steak and lobster, which was great, but not worth the two hours and 30 minutes we had to wait for it. Never again will we visit the Charthouse Restaurant in Freeport.

Upon our arrival back at the hotel, we decided to visit Admiral Nelson's where we were treated to the sounds of the K. P. Boys. Then we left there and stopped at Churchill's where B. J. and I met someone claiming to be Magic Johnson. No, it was not him, but he sure had us convinced for awhile.

Burnout began to set in on Thursday. Sunburned and homesick, everyone decided to stick around the hotel pool. At day's end, sunburned turned into cooked. Surveying the group, Andy Hardy was almost mistaken for a lobster.

Friday morning rolled around and we packed our bags and once again boarded the Sea Escape. Friday night turned out to be a real treat. The group decided to take in the Neil Donnelly Show. Neil was a one-man band who played a variety of music. He was soon attracted to his friends from Mississippi, and accepted requests from us for the remainder of the show. He even dedicated a rendition of Kenny Rogers' "Lucille" to Leanne Thompson's deceased pit bull that was run over by a bush.

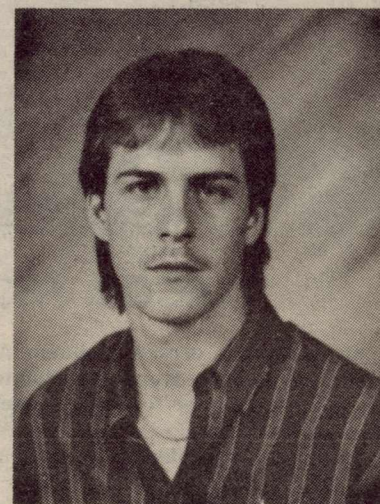
Also highlighting the night were East Central's own Kevin Weeks and Jana Fanning, who joined Neil in singing a few songs. These two were instant hits with the crowd, and received a standing ovation from the audience.

After the show, Neil came down to our table and showed us some amazing magic tricks, much to the delight of the group. This night was probably the most entertaining of the whole trip. Everyone was buzzing with comments about their enjoyment of the show.

It was soon time to leave the ship and head for home. The trip home

was brightened with a night's stay in the luxurious Appalache Motor Lodge in Tallahassee. We would not have enjoyed such a night had the Days Inn not overbooked and responded with such a nice gesture. This place was so nice, there were even handwritten instructions on how to operate the heat and air.

Fresh off from a good night's rest in the Appalache, we scurried back to Decatur, where all were glad to be home once again. Freeport was delightful, showing everyone a good time, but like they say, "There's no place like home."



REED KILPATRICK

Kilpatrick Named National Collegiate Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy has announced East Central sophomore Reed Kilpatrick has been named a United States National Collegiate Award winner in Engineering. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10% of all American college students.

Kilpatrick was nominated for this National Award by math instructor Dr. Shelby Harris. His name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before and America's Academy award winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Steens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of professors, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a professor or director.

Kilpatrick is the son of Herschel and Carol Kilpatrick. His grandparents are Howard and Willo Kilpatrick and Mary Sue Savell, all of Philadelphia.



ECCC STUDENTS VISIT BAHAMAS

During the recent spring semester holidays, these East Central Community College students and other guests traveled to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and later cruised to the Bahamas where they spent several days. Pictured at the tropical resort are, front row, from left, Angie Alderman, Leake Academy; Timony Bell, Morton; Leigh Ann Goolsby, Carthage; Jana Fanning, Hickory; Randy Leigh Baugh and Leanne Thompson, both of Morton; John King, Philadelphia; Hal Land, Louisville; Sherri Williamson, Nanih Waiya; Leanne Brantley, Leake Academy; Lisa Williamson, Nanih Waiya; back row, from left, B. J. Hailey, Louisville; Andy Hardy, Philadelphia; Shan Carpenter and Jamie Shepard, both of Carthage; Michalle Everett, Hickory; Brent Bailey, Carthage; Kevin Weeks, Noxapater; Reed Kilpatrick, Neshoba Central; and Mark Covington, Louisville. The spring break activity was sponsored by the ECCC Warrior Corps, which is composed of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for college activities and events. Academic counselor Gregg Jefcoat serves as sponsor. (Photo by Mr. Jefcoat)

Student Opinion Poll What Is The One Thing You Will Miss Most About East Central?

By MISSY SMITH Photos By: KIM WEDGEWORTH



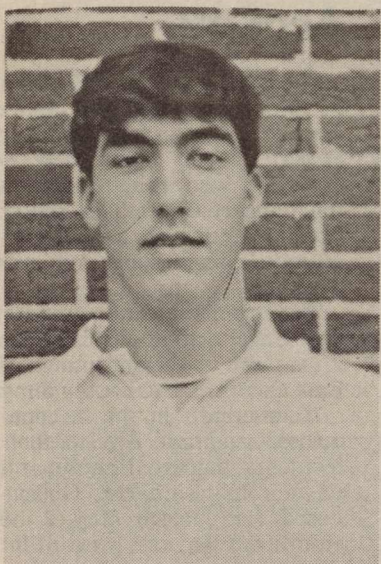
Kim Alford, 20, Carthage:
"Bubby Johnston"



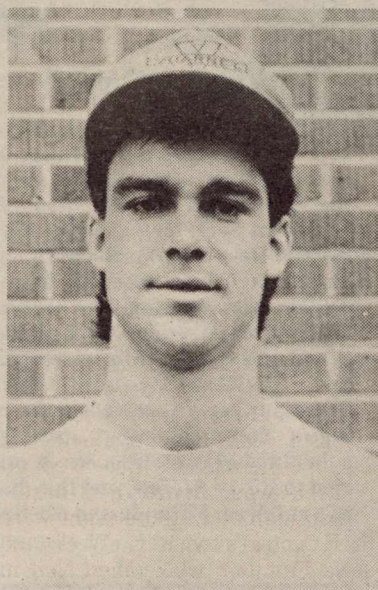
Sharon Burnside, 20,
Philadelphia:
"Everybody's knowing
everybody"



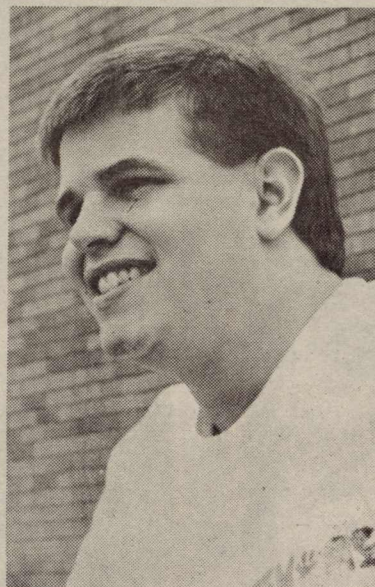
Nicole Johnson, 20, Carthage:
"The Big Kats"



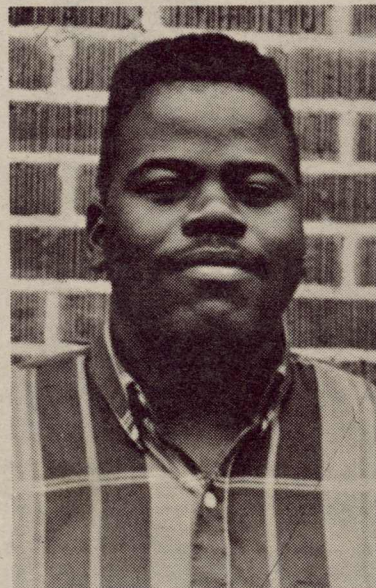
Shan Carpenter, 19, Carthage:
"The Legion Hut"



Brian Waddell, 21, Philadelphia:
"Collegians"



John King, 19, Philadelphia:
"The Brotherhood"



Darrell McCurry, 21, Louisville:
"Dorm Life"



Charla McFarland, 19,
Philadelphia:
"Closeness of Everyone"



Kimberly Hobby, 19, Louisville:
"Cheerleading"



Sadie Triplett, 20, Louisville:
"Coach Pace"

Don't Believe the Environmental Hype

By JIM HOLDER

With the recent media hype of Earth Day 1990, it would seem to most people that the United States is a country concerned with cleaning up the environment. The sad truth is that nothing could be farther from the truth.

What we have on our hands is a problem that is more serious than the press can ever blow it up to be. The problem is the waste of our natural resources, and the culprit is standing in everyone's mirror.

Instead of getting caught up in yet another excuse to "celebrate," my solution is short and simple. Using only recyclable products would cut down on pollution as well as save billions of dollars.

In Jackson, ordinances are being presented to have that city using recycled paper only. The use of plastic foam food packages, which can be seen scattered nearly anywhere, would be banned. Another ordinance would have the city buying copy paper, toilet tissue, and paper towels made strictly out of recycled paper.

Of course, these are only proposals, and nothing will improve until such ordinances are placed in effect. As long as we waste products ourselves, we can only expect filthier living conditions. Dennis Hayes, the chairman of Earth Day 1990, said it best: "It's well and good to get a couple hundred million people out on the streets but what really counts is what happens."



RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Miss Lucille Wood, an instructor of health, physical education and recreation at East Central Community College in Decatur, was recently named recipient of the National Junior College Athletic Association Service Award for her many years of dedicated work in the field of community/junior college athletics. Only four such awards are given on an annual basis and Miss Wood is the first Mississippian to receive the national honor. Miss Wood, a Louisville native, was instrumental in organizing basketball competition for women in the junior and senior colleges. She currently serves as Region 23 (Mississippi-Louisiana) Director of Women's Athletics and is a member of various committees, including track and field, national basketball poll, All-American and slow-pitch softball, which she serves as chairperson. She is shown above during a reception held in her honor at the college.



ECCC STUDENTS CHOSEN MISSIONARIES

These students at East Central Community College in Decatur who are members of the Baptist Student Union have been selected to serve as summer missionaries at various locations throughout the country. Those chosen and their respective assignments include, seated from left, Linda Henley of Hickory, Camp Garaywa (Clinton); Lisa Hatcher of Nanih Waiya, Dakota Fellowship; standing, from left, Tim Latham of Carthage; Central Hills (Kosciusko); Stephanie Patrick of Pelahatchie; Northwest area; Bill Kitchens of Carthage, Central Hills (Kosciusko); and Kim Pearce of Decatur, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian. Standing at right is BSU director Tim Glaze.



NEW ECCC PERFORMING GROUP

Pictured above are members of a newly formed musical group at East Central Community College which is available for performances at community and civic clubs throughout the five-county district. Called "The Accents," the talented musicians perform pop hits from the '50's, '60's and '70's. Members include, from left, college music instructor Leesa Lee who serves as accompanist; and vocalists Beth Jinkerson and Deanna McNair, both of Union; and Tonya Henry of Walnut Grove. Jinkerson and Henry are graduates of Sebastopol High School and McNair is a Beulah Hubbard graduate. "The Accents" are under the direction of Charles Hinson who serves as music instructor and concert choir director.



WINS HONOR

Technology student Lou Ann Averett of Union displays a certificate she was presented after winning second place honors in the Administrative Assistant Secretary competition at the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference recently held in Tupelo. Mrs. Averett, who received high words of praise for her shorthand and typing skills will receive her Assistant Administrative Secretary certificate during the college's commencement exercises scheduled May 11, 1990. She is married to Ricky Averett, and they have two children, Miranda and Michael.

Vocal Department Proud of Accents

The vocal department is proud of its new ensemble, the Accents. Members of the group are Deanna McNair, Tonya Henry and Beth Jinkerson, who are also members of the Concert Choir. This group of three lovely young women will be enlarged next year to a mixed ensemble.

The Accents present a program of music that appeals to all ages and is available to schools and clubs in East Central's five-county district.

Membership in the Accents is through audition. Any student interested in joining the group is urged to contact Charles Hinson or Leesa Lee before May 9, 1990. Scholarships are available to members.

Congratulations Graduates!

By TRACY HENRY and DONNA SMITH

Take pride in yourself, in challenges met,
In tasks you've fulfilled, and goals you've set;
Take pride in yourself, and the dreams that you seek,
For in all of the world, you are truly unique.

"Dreams can become realities when we believe in our tomorrows."

Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

My boyfriend "Joey" was recently in a bad car accident where he lost movement in the left side of his body. He was released from the hospital two weeks ago and I can't get up the nerve to visit him. I guess I think he'll be a different person since he was in the accident. Should I go and see him or not?

Sincerely yours,
Nerveless

Dear Nerveless,

I can understand your hesitation about visiting your boyfriend, but I think you should visit and maybe even tell him why it took you so long to get up the nerve to visit. I think he will understand and be glad that you were honest with him. Being honest may even bring the two of you closer so give it a try.

Good Luck,
Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

I like this guy at my college a lot. The problem is that he lies about everything from where he's going to his name. He told me that his name was a certain thing and I found out from a very reliable source that he lied to me about it. How can I find out about the real him?

Signed,
Too Many Lies

Dear Too Many Lies,

It sounds to me like this guy wouldn't know the truth if it hit him. My advice to you is try to get over him and find someone that you can really trust. Good luck.

Your Friend,
Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

My best friend has been going with this guy for almost a year now. The problem is that he has changed her from the sweet, likeable person she used to be to a rude, inconsiderate person. She only talks to us (her old friends) when she needs something. We don't want or need that kind of friendship. How can we get her to understand?

Sincerely yours,
Hurt and Alone

Dear Hurt and Alone,

Have you told this friend how you and your other friends feel? I think that's the first thing you should do. If she doesn't seem to care how much she is hurting you and her other friends then maybe you should think about how much ner friendship really means to you. I hope everything works out for you.

Truly yours,
Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

I have a problem with my aunt and the way she treats my cousin. When everyone gets together on holidays and special occasions she has a tendency to put my cousin down. She is always saying that he can't get a girlfriend or that he'll never get married because he is so ugly that no one would ever have him. Everyone just laughs it off, but I can see how much her words hurt my cousin. How can I get her to understand that she is really hurting

him by saying all these cruel things?

Thanks,
Can't Take it Any Longer

Dear Can't Take It,

Since this woman is your aunt and is probably older than you, I would advise that an older family member discuss this with her. If no one else thinks they should say anything then take matters into your own hands and tell her what you think about the way she is treating your cousin. If she still continues to treat him the same way then go to your cousin and tell him that there is nothing wrong

with not having a girlfriend and that he should try to ignore the cruel words that your aunt says about him. I hope that I have helped you.

Sincerely,
Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

Recently a friend of mine was killed in a car wreck. Ever since then another friend seems obsessed with dying herself. How can I make her understand that death is a part of life and that we all go through it, but that we can't quit living ourselves.

Signed,

A Friend Who Wants to Help

Dear Friend Who Wants to Help,
Everyone has a certain way that they deal with a person dying. Your friend seems to be a person with very deep feelings about this subject. All you can do is be there for her when she needs you to talk to and help her as much as possible.

Sincerely,
Terry Lou

Dear Terry Lou,

My boyfriend and I just broke up and I'm not sure why. He was fine

one day and then two days later he acted like he didn't care for me. He's like a totally different person. He never calls or talks to me like a friend. What's wrong with him?

Sincerely,
Worried

Dear Worried,

To answer this question you first have to find out what happened to your boyfriend over those two days. Maybe he had an argument with his parents or a friend and you just hap-

(See TERRY LOU, page 16)

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WINS SALES AWARD

VICA (Vocational Clubs of America) members display t-shirt prizes they were awarded for the club's high number of sales made during their recent family-portrait project. Pictured are, front row, from left, Debbie Mayes, club secretary; Diane Cumberland, Betty Davis; standing, from left, Dennis Coats, Randy Ferguson, president; Melvin Tubby, and advisor Jim McNair. Not shown are club member Steve Marler and advisor Sarah Griffin.



Over 700 Attend Senior Day Activities

By KIM WEDGEWORTH
and ANDY HARDY

On March 29, East Central Community College held its annual Senior Day, and it proved to be the best one yet, with 703 seniors participating. This doubled participation from the last two years.

At 8 a. m. Senior Day started off with the registration of the seniors. The high school students then went off to Huff Auditorium and were officially welcomed by SBA president Hal Land. The cheerleaders then performed, followed by the talent show winners, "Academic Probation." This group consisted of Kimberly Hobby, Melinda McMullan, Brian Waddell, Donnie Montgomery, Chris Little, Mark Branning and Scott Walker.

After the seniors left Huff, they picked three fields of interest from a sheet and went to their respective meeting places.

The cafeteria provided a cookout in the mall which was followed by the day's closing event, the Collegians concert. Cheerleader and basketball tryouts were held throughout the afternoon.

The administration was very pleased with this year's Senior Day and hopes that all the seniors had a grand time. Most of them did, because you could tell it if you looked at all their smiling faces.

★ Terry Lou

pended to be the one that he took his anger out on. All I can really advise is to talk to him about the way he has hurt you and see what happens.
Good Luck,
Terry Lou

POPS ORCHESTRA PERFORMS HERE

East Central Community College played host to a most successful concert performed by the Mississippi Pops Symphony Orchestra on Thursday night, March 22. Selections from past and present were performed by the orchestra, which is directed by Coleman Pearce. Among tunes performed by the highly regarded musicians were "Washington Post," medleys from "Beverly Hills Cop," "Peter Gun," "Best of Billy Joel," "Dance of the Hours," and the theme from "Moulin Rouge." (Written by Scott Cummins)

Farewell to EC!

As a graduating sophomore I would like to say that being a student at E. C. has been an experience I'll cherish for the rest of my life. I've done a lot of growing up here; everyone is like family to me.

Kim Hobby

To Jim:

I'm going to miss you next year. You better be good, there are people watching you.

I love you,
Chrissy

It's finally time to leave old E. C. Now it's Nashville or bust for me!

Brian Waddell



Retiring East Central employee Claude Rayford. (Photo by Lashanda Leflore)

Congratulations Claude!

By LASHANDA LEFLORE

We, the students of East Central Community College, would like to congratulate Claude Rayford for being employed by East Central for the past 16 years. Claude has lived in Newton for about 35 years. He has been married to Mrs. Suzy Rayford of Newton for 25 years. He has five children, all of Newton.

When Claude was asked if he will

miss East Central, he said, "Yes, and all the good looking girls, too." Claude's last day to work at East Central is May 6, 1990. After he retires, he plans to sit at home and relax.

We all will miss his big smile and his generous hello. We would like to wish Claude a happy retirement as he sits at home and enjoys life.

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Renovations made in Cross Hall

Significant changes have taken place in Cross Hall since the close of this past spring semester, and those modifications can have a positive impact upon the students at East Central.

Students will find that the chemistry lab in Cross Hall, for example, has undergone noticeable alterations. First of all, new ventilation hoods conforming to EPA standards have been installed. In addition, all lab tables have been replaced, further contributing to the new look of the lab.

Anyone traveling past East Central's campus this summer probably noticed a building crew working on Cross Hall. The result of that construction work was the addition of two new chemical storage rooms to the science building, and these new storage areas also conform to EPA standards.

All of the changes in the chemistry lab carry a price tag of over \$241,000 and the cost is well worth it. Representatives of Martin School Equipment, the company which supplied the lab tables, said that East Central has an up-to-date lab which equals or surpasses similar chemistry labs in the state.

If you take a look inside Room 23 in Cross Hall, you will see yet another major and important addition to East Central's facilities. A new computer lab has been installed.

The new computer center boasts 18 PC terminals on network, a high capacity file server, and two printers.

According to L. B. Bullock and Al Deaton, two instructors who teach computer courses at East Central, the lab was designed with expansion in mind. It is projected that six additional PC terminals will be installed this year, in addition to another file server. Moreover, both instructors say that in the future the computers in the lab will perhaps link with other networks on campus, and that instructors might have terminals in their offices. The use of

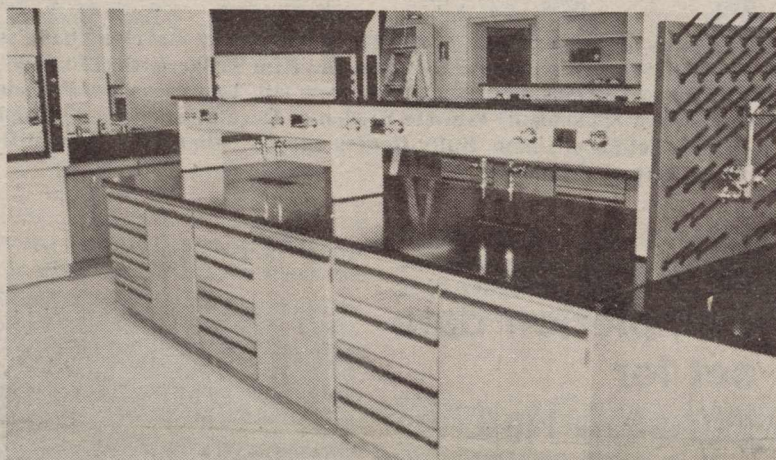
various curriculum software is an added possibility.

The computer lab cost roughly \$35,000. Approximately \$31,000 of that amount was spent on hardware, and the remaining money was spent on software.

Although computer classes receive top priority in the use of computer facilities, at all other times the computers are available

for faculty and student use on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone desiring a "tour" of the computer lab many contact either Al Deaton or L. B. Bullock.

Total spendings on renovations and additions in Cross Hall have exceeded \$275,000 this year. Students and faculty will certainly benefit from the changes that have taken place in the science building.



CHEMISTRY LAB

A completely renovated chemistry lab greeted students with the beginning of the fall term.

Troop call-out to Saudi Arabia has effect on ECCC

By JEFF HITT

The U. S. military mobilization effort has taken its toll on every facet of American life including ECCC.

Shortly after the Persian Gulf crisis began, Mr. Jim Hansford, a Vocational-Technical instructor at ECCC, was called for duty. He left for Saudi Arabia on Aug. 7 and returned a week later.

During the week he was gone, he took part in a "secret mission".

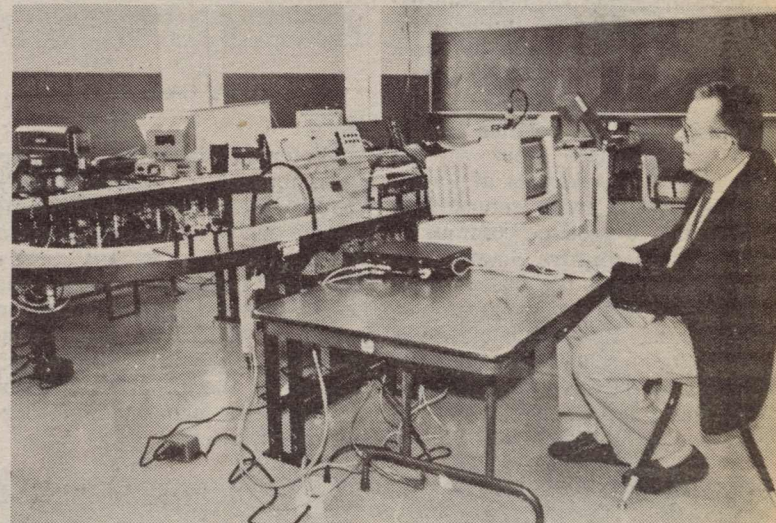
Mr. Hansford serves as a load-

master and works with C-141's and cargo transport. Last Friday, Mr. Hansford received orders to ship out again for at least 90 more days of active duty.

Mr. Jim Hansford will be replaced by a temporary instructor until his return. "This type of situation," said Dr. Eddie Smith, President of ECCC, "is governed by certain laws which protect the employment of certain servicemen called into active duty."

Servicemen are allowed by law 15 days of paid military leave during the course of the year in addition to regular vacations. After the 15 days are dissolved, as in the case of Mr. Hansford, federal law requires employers to hold the employment of activated employees but without pay.

Mr. Hansford's replacement has not yet been named. Other faculty and staff who are servicemen but have not been called out include Mr. Sammy Pace, ECCC women's basketball coach; and Mr. John Adcock, ECCC Vo-Tech Director.



NEW VO-TECH PROGRAMS

One of the new technical programs offered this fall is Automated Manufacturing Technology. Instructor Wally Keen is shown operating the equipment.

New technical programs under way at East Central

John Adcock, Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction at East Central, has announced some changes in the curriculum of the Vocational-Technical division of the college.

One completely new program has been added. This program, called Automated Manufacturing Technology (AMT), features an on-site robotic assembly line setup which is designed to give students hands-on training in keeping an automated assembly line in operation. Wally Keen is the instructor in the area. Students and faculty are invited to drop by and see the automated assembly line in action.

Precision Machining Technology (PMT), an upgrade of the machine shop program, features new computer-aided machinery in the

department. Adcock reports that there is now a computer lab adjoining the shop area. Richard Clark will be the instructor in this program.

Metal Fabrication Technology (MFT) represents a change in the welding program. The upgrading involves the addition of brakes, punches, and shears, which are operations that play a role in the fabrication of metals. James Bayne will provide instruction in this field.

All of these changes in the Vo-Tech reflect changes that have taken place in the labor world. The new programs will give interested students enrolled in the division an opportunity to receive instruction relating to current trends in the job arena.

NOTICE

Any member of the military guard or reserves called for active duty will be allowed to withdraw from East Central.

A special tuition and fee refund policy is awaiting Board approval which permits total refund of tuition through the 13th week of the semester.

After that date, one may take an incomplete and finish the course requirements upon return.

Room and board charges will be refunded based on the time remaining in the semester.

Anyone called for active duty must follow the published procedures to initiate the withdrawal process.

Mark Your Calendar
Homecoming is
Saturday, Oct. 13, 1990

Carroll leads drama students

By JIM HOLDEN

"A new beginning" should perhaps be the theme of East Central's 1990-91 speech and drama department. Bruce Peterson, head of that area for the past 23 years, left in August to teach at Itawamba Community College in Tupelo.

Taking the reins is Oklahoma City native Judy Carroll, a 1986 graduate of the University of Science and Arts in Oklahoma. She had just completed her second year teaching there when she learned of the opening at EC.

"I was keeping abreast of certain flyers announcing positions," she explains. "I applied for the opening here and came down shortly after that for an interview. Just a few weeks ago, I was called by Dr. Tucker to take the position."

After graduate work at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Miss Carroll returned to Oklahoma to produce community and children's theatre. However, she is excited about the prospects of EC's growing drama program. She plans on having a full-length play, Larry Shue's "The Nerd", for fall dinner theatre this year instead of the usual three one-acts.

As far as following the tradition



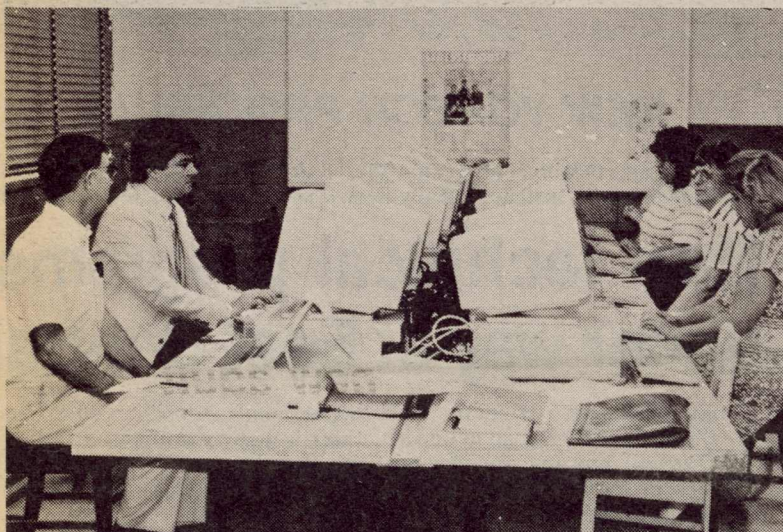
JUDY CARROLL

Mr. Peterson established, Miss Carroll is optimistic. "I know there are going to be expectations. I just hope people don't consider me the new Mr. Peterson. I'm not really frightened of the fact that he was here 23 years, because I've found people at EC to be very open-minded. I'm hoping to bring a fresh outlook to the program without disrupting the form that he (Peterson) has created."



CENTRALETTES

Members of the Centralettes, the dance line for the marching band 1990-1991, include, seated from left, Nicke Ivy of Hickory, Misty Cornett of Louisville, Kim Wedgeworth of Philadelphia; Angel Truhett of Collins and Sherri Williamson of Louisville; second row, from left, Tonya Moore of Philadelphia, Tracy Stokes of Louisville, Sydney Leonard of Sebastopol, Tammie Rigdon of Decatur and Tammy Robinson of Louisville; back row, from left, Sandra Collins of Union, Buffy Reeves and Christina Wood, both of Decatur, and Melanie Wilcher and Lynda Kelly, both of Edinburg.



OPERATING EQUIPMENT

Various technical instructors are shown operating equipment in a new computer center in room 23 of Cross Hall.

Completion date set for Winston Hall

By JEFF HITT

The completion date for Winston Hall is set for around Sept. 16, 1990. Residents, as well as faculty, have noticed the drastic renovations taking place.

As well as the external renovations, there are also some changes being made inside Winston Hall. The newly refurbished first floor will house an apartment for the yet-to-be-named dormitory supervisor or resident manager. Along with this change, such things as a pass through, vending and beverage machines and a television room are in the works. Other things are also a possibility.

When these renovations are completed, 34 students will be able to move into the new first floor dorms. "The contractors are running ahead of schedule," said Dr. Eddie Smith, "and some rooms may be ready for occupancy by the week of Sept. 3." Only two students are allowed per room in Winston Hall. Students must also be returning sophomores and have a 2.0 grade point average. Some three to a room situations in other dorms will be reduced when Winston Hall is completed.

The new parking lot should be completed by the middle or latter part of September. "The funds to renovate Winston Hall came from special tax levies from the five ECCC supporting counties," said Dr. Smith. "The cost for the renovations to Winston Hall's first floor right now without fixtures and furnishings is running about \$240,000."



DRUM MAJOR

Kim Griffin of Decatur is serving as drum major for the 1990-91 marching band. A freshman, Griffin served four years as drum major of the Decatur High School Band and each year received All-Superior ratings at the Mississippi State Band Festival. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beuna Lee Griffin of Decatur.

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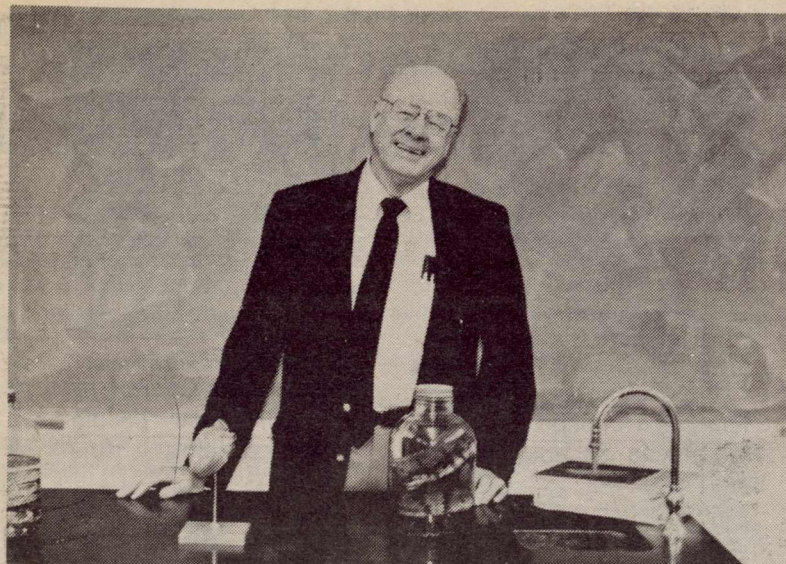
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TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Mr. George Mason, who teaches Biological Sciences, is shown in his classroom setting. (Photo by Del Crocker)

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Enter the 'Mason Zone'

By WANDA BREEDLOVE

When a student steps into the "Mason Zone" the activity begins. Students like myself resort quite shamelessly to begging.

Most students feel that Mr. George Mason is the toughest teacher on campus, and I will admit that he doesn't make it easy. But if they will just take a moment to look at the whole person they will see that he is only trying to help us.

Mr. Mason, who was born recently in Newton County, if one is speaking of eons, is a devout Christian, a Sunday School teacher and a deacon.

Mr. Mason's family includes a wife and two daughters, one of whom is following in her father's footsteps and teaching biology in a Jackson high school.

After Mr. Mason graduated from high school he joined the United States Navy. He served his country for two years by going to Hawaii, the Philippines and the Marshall Islands.

When he returned from the service he went to Mississippi College and got his B.A. He then began to teach at Picayune High School. After leaving this job he started a construction business, which he had for two years.

Mr. Mason went to Mississippi State to get his master's in biology. While he was there he was a graduate assistant. He taught classes and worked for the M.S.U. experiment station. After graduating he went to teach at Gulf Coast Junior College. He stayed there for two and a half years, and then came to East Central, where he has been for thirty years.

Mr. Mason is a member of the East Central Faculty Club and a member of the Mississippi Jr. College Association. He has taught math, chemistry, physics, physical science, botany, zoology, hygiene, biology and micro-biology.

When asked to give a few lines of original prose, Mr. Mason chose:

1. It irritates my protoplasm.
2. You can't get something for

nothing.

3. Blood is red.
4. You are born responsible.
5. You gotta have couth.

Mason's Law 6. It is easier to be wrong than to be right, which is why you come to college. To learn the difference.

When asked what he likes most about East Central, Mason said, "East Central places more emphasis on teaching and teachers are given the opportunity to establish a closer relationship with students."

All in all Mr. Mason is a good teacher and a great guy with the students' best interests at heart. He is a valuable asset to the East Central campus.

Cooper Memorial Scholarship started

A scholarship named in honor of the late Carl Cooper and his son Doug Cooper has been established at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie W. Smith, college president.

The scholarship, named for the former Decatur residents, will be called the Carl and Doug Cooper Memorial Scholarship. The first award recipient will be announced at the college's 1991 awards day activities set for April.

Established by Mrs. Lois Cooper and children, Mike and Tam, the scholarship will be awarded to an East Central graduating sophomore who plans to attend Mississippi State University. Carl Cooper was a graduate of East Central and Mississippi State University.

Contributions to the scholarship fund may be sent to the Office of the President, P. O. Box 129, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327.

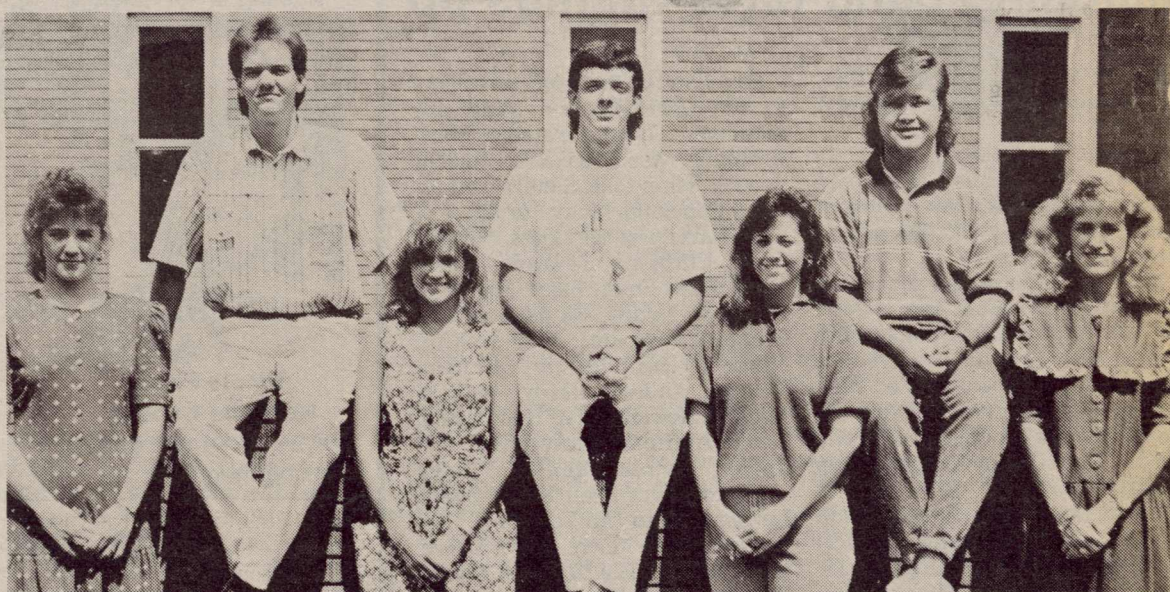
1990 Collegians ready to rock

After nine hours of grueling instrumental, vocal and technical auditions, the 1990 edition of the Collegians was complete. Forty-five students from within and outside of the East Central Community College district vied for a spot on the group's roster. "The competition and talent was of the highest calibre in the seven years that I have

directed the group, and I guarantee our fans will continue to get the quality entertainment they have come to expect from us," said Tom Carson.

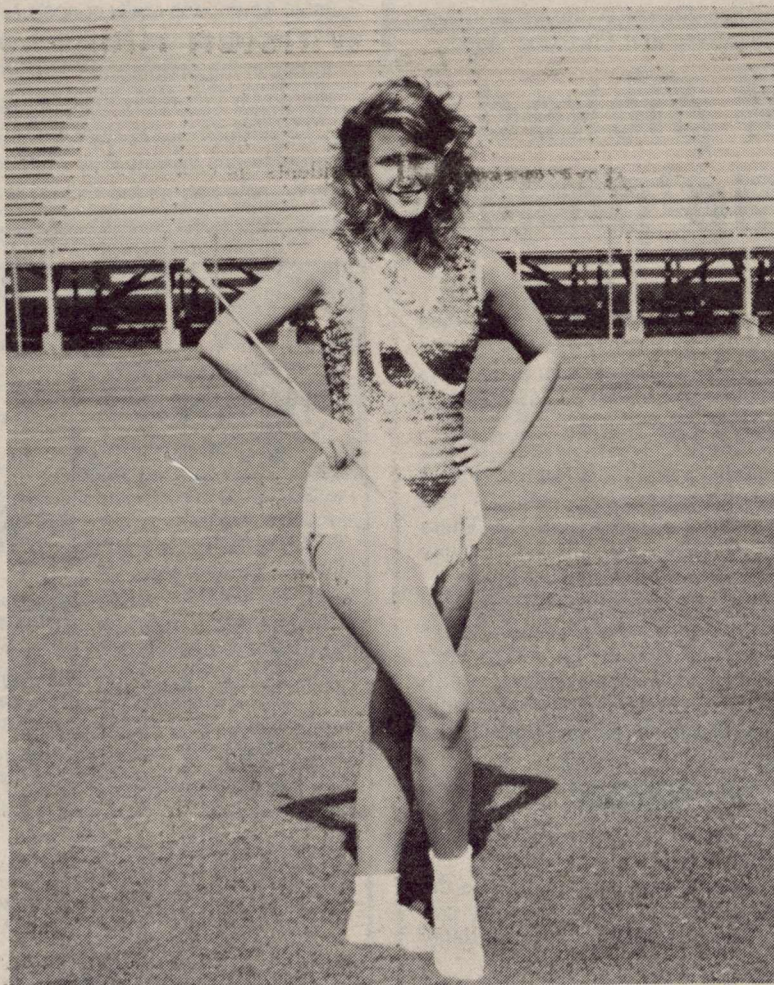
This year's members include: Dawn Bradford, Keith Johnson, Shannon McNeil, Ardy Reed, Patty Sims, Lisa Thompson and Dwayne Till, vocals; David Shaw, first

trumpet; Robbie Palmieri, second trumpet; Vincent Brown, alto/tenor saxophone; Scott Lewis, trombone; Tina Davis, keyboards; Mark Branning, bass; Scott Walker, drums; Sean Macke, guitar; Brent Warren, Eddie Davenport, Chris Edwards, Brent Fountain, Andy Hardy and Michael Duke, technicians; and Thomas Carson, director and guitar.



BAND COUNCIL

Band Council members for 1990-1991 include, from left, Debbie Tidmore of Meridian, flag captain; David Shaw, also of Meridian, wind representative; Kim Wedgeworth of Philadelphia, Centralette captain; Scott Walker, also of Philadelphia, drum captain; Robin Cole of Linwood, rifle captain; Mark Branning of Philadelphia, wind representative; and Kim Griffin of Decatur, drum major.



FEATURE TWIRLER

For the second year, Karla Munn is serving as feature twirler for the 1990-91 marching band, Munn, a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Munn of Decatur.

ECCC announces new adult classes

Instruction in English, math, writing, reading and preparation for the General Education Development (GED) test will be available this fall as part of the Adult Basic Education program offered at East Central Community College.

Classes, which began Sept. 4, are scheduled from 9 a. m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays on the Decatur campus. Evening classes are being held from 6:30 to 9:30 p. m. in Decatur and at locations in Carthage, Thomastown, Philadelphia, Union, Newton and Decatur.

The Adult Basic Education classes are offered at no charge.

For additional information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education at East Central Community College in Decatur or phone 635-2111, ext. 279.

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What Do You Look Forward To This Coming Year at EC?

By KIM WEDGEWORTH and MICHALLE EVERETT

Marching band rates thumbs-up

How do 65 musicians spend their last precious week of summer vacation?

Working impossible hours, in sweltering heat, while a crazy man sits in a green high chair, yelling at them continuously through a very annoying bull-horn!

That kind of unselfish dedication was definitely present Aug. 19-24 as the 1990 East Central Community College Warrior Band prepared for its first public appearance on Warrior Field. Asked to sum up the band's outlook for this year in two words, Tom Carson replied, "top quality."

Taking the helm in the leadership department are band council members: Kim Griffin, drum major and president; Debby Tidmore, flag captain; Robin Cole, rifle captain; Kim Wedgeworth, Centralette captain; Scott Walker, drum captain; David Shaw, representative; and Mark Branning, representative.

Mr. Carson is also pleased to announce the addition of Mrs. Angela Weems as Centralette coordinator. Says Mr. Carson, "We are fortunate to add 'Miss Angie' to our band family and look forward to her association with our program."

Contributing their special talents to the 1990 Warrior band are members: Dawn Alexander, Mark Branning, Wes Breazeale, Vincent Brown, Robin Cole, Sandra Collins, Stacy Copeland, Misty Cornett, Edward Davenport, Kirt Doss, Michael Duke, Christina Edwards, David Ezell, Brad Foley, Brent Fountain, Randy Germany, Gayla Goodwin, Richard Graham, Kim Griffin, Nikki Griffin, Tammy Griffin, William Andrew Hardy, William Michael Howell, Kristi Huddleston, Devlin Huffman, Nicke Ivy, Cathie Jones, Lynda Kelly, Sydney Leonard, Jerry Scott Lewis, Sonya Lewis, Susan McLauchlin, Sid McNeil, Freda Moore, Tonya Moore, Karla Munn, Richard Nance, Robert Palmieri, Ardy Reed, Buffy Reeves, Clark Reynolds, Tammie Rigdon, Tammy Robinson, Michael Roland, Sandy Shackelford, David Shaw, Mark Shaw, Patty Sims, Angelia Smith, Brian Spears, Tracy Stokes, Tara Swindle, Lisa Thompson, Debby Tidmore, Angel Truhett, Scott Walker, Brent Warren, Stephanie Warren, Kim Wedgeworth, Becky Wheeler, Shawn White, Melanie Wilcher, Sherri Williamson, Stacy Williamson and Christina Wood.

East Central picked for leadership project

East Central Community College recently participated in a national pilot program designed to train students to become community leaders.

The Decatur school was one of five colleges in the nation taking part in the Leadership Development Program.

"The types of leadership we're trying to develop are leaders in America's communities - school board members, Girl and Boy Scout leaders, teachers, PTA members. It will have a tremendous impact on community leaders," said Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa, the Jackson-based two-year college honor society that developed the program.

The honor society was looking for a leadership program to tap into and found no programs targeted at two year-college students. "We were somewhat surprised," Risley said.

The program had to be adaptable enough to help both recent high school graduates and adult students, the demographic type who are becoming more prevalent on two-year college campuses.

The older students are a particular concern because they often miss out on leadership opportunities aimed at high school and universi-

ty students, Risley said.

"The consultants that were used in developing the project had these people in mind when it was developed," said President Eddie Smith, of ECCC.

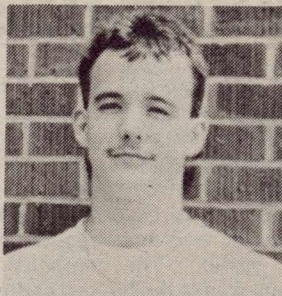
Students from Pearl River, Copiah-Lincoln, Meridian and East Central community colleges and five national officers of Phi Theta Kappa took part in the two-day seminar that was held recently.

Students heard speakers, saw videos and worked in small groups to develop leadership skills. They studied decision-making, goal-setting and developing leadership philosophy, then evaluated the seminar.

"It's not just a matter of sitting and listening to people talk, the program is a participatory type of thing," Smith said.

The eventual goal is to have the program in every community college as a three-hour course, Risley said.

Other colleges participating in the program: Hartwick College, Oneota, N. Y.; Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, N. C.; Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kan.; and Highline Community College, Des Moines, Washington.

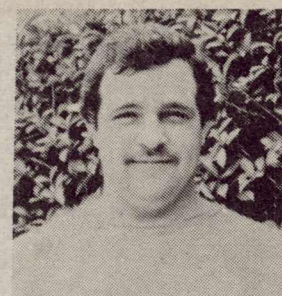


Bubba Pierce, Noxapater:

"Meeting a lot of new people and passing my classes."

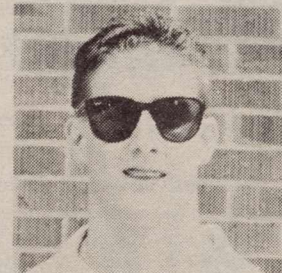


Nicole Flint, Neshoba Central:
"Parties and good-looking men."



Michael Bradley, Beulah Hubbard:

"Meeting a lot of people and getting an education."



Scott Reed, Louisville:
"Finally getting to meet Bethany Brantley!"



Toni Breland, Neshoba Central:

"Meeting new people and making new friends."



Scott Round, Decatur:
"Seeing my friends and having fun while I learn."

Are we being misled again?

By JIM HOI.DER

It's funny how human beings can make the same mistakes over and over again. When the events in Korea and Vietnam broke out, the American public was told—and initially believed—we were fighting for freedom in those countries.

Now we see Iraq, led by Saddam Hussein, trampling Kuwait and becoming an immediate threat to Saudi Arabia. The public is again being told that U. S. soldiers are being sent to prevent further violence. However, the point is we aren't over there to fight for freedom; we're fighting for oil.

Yes, it's as simple as that. We are more or less facing an economic crisis. If the United States had no oil coming from the Middle East, the situation in the Persian Gulf would mean nothing to most of us. Are most Americans really concerned with fighting for freedom in Kuwait? Of course not, and they shouldn't be.

It should also be noted that, as usual, the United States is the only country with any significant military forces in the Middle East. President Bush keeps declaring that this is "Iraq versus the rest of the world," but so far this really includes just us.

Nevertheless, the President must be commended for not being rattled by Iraq. He has moved quickly to get troops into the Gulf while refusing to let anyone pressure him into shortening his vacation. Hopefully, he now has all the fishing and golfing out of his system.

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Scribner named Vo-Tech counselor

Mrs. Lynn Scribner of Union has been selected Vocational-Technical counselor for handicapped students at East Central Community College, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president.

Mrs. Scribner, a native of Sturgis, began her new duties July 1, 1990.

Prior to being named to the college post, she served as guidance counselor at Choctaw Central High School in Philadelphia during the 1989-90 school term. She was previously employed at C. E. Hanna Elementary School in Oxford, Ala. where she served as elementary counselor and at Oxford (Alabama) Middle School, where she was an elementary teacher and extended day care teacher.

Before moving to Alabama, Mrs. Scribner held the title of guidance counselor and director of student activities from 1983-87 at Holmes Community College in Goodman.

Mrs. Scribner is a 1979 graduate of Sturgis Attendance Center. She continued her education at Mississippi State University where she received a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's degree in guidance.



Lynn Scribner

The former Lynn Fulce, she is married to Morgan Scribner and they have a two-year-old daughter, Aimee. Mr. Scribner recently completed his first year as football coach at Union High School.

The Scribners are members of First Baptist Church in Union.



LAURIE HUSKISON GLAZE

Glaze named new business instructor

Laurie Huskison Glaze has been selected economics/business administration instructor at ECCC.

Glaze, 25, began her new duties Aug. 22.

A Pontotoc native, she was previously employed as a banking officer in the Cash Management Department at First National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans.

Before moving to New Orleans, Glaze was a graduate research assistant in the school of accounting at Mississippi State University. At MSU, she also served as an office assistant in the Office of Vice President for Research and previously held the same position in the External Services Program in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

In New Orleans, she also taught English as a second language to Spanish-speaking adult students and she served as a consultant for Applied Economics for Junior Achievement in the public school system.

Her professional affiliations include the New Orleans Cash Management Association and National Corporate Management Association.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

Mrs. Glaze is a graduate of Pontotoc High School and Mississippi State University, where she received bachelor's and master's degrees in banking and finance.

At MSU, she was a president's list scholar and a member of Delta Gamma, a social sorority, and Financial Management Association, serving both organizations on the executive committee.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Huskison of Pontotoc, she is married to Tim Glaze, director of East Central's Baptist Student Union.

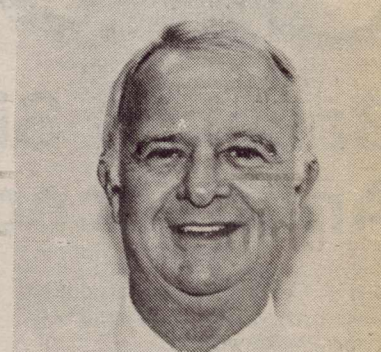
Dempsey selected Vo-Tech counselor

Jimmy C. Dempsey has been selected Vocational-Technical counselor at East Central Community College, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president.

Dempsey, who began his new duties July 1, 1990, previously served the college as Vo-Tech counselor for handicapped students before being assigned to his new position. He succeeds John Adcock, who has since been chosen director of Vocational-Technical Instruction at East Central, replacing the retiring O. L. Newell.

Prior to joining the East Central staff in January, 1990, Dempsey served as assistant principal at Pearl River High School in Carriere. He also served as assistant principal/coach at Houston (Mississippi) High School, counselor/coach at Warren Central High School and teacher/coach at Nanih Waiya High School.

Dempsey also has an extensive business-related background as he previously served as production foreman for Wood Treating, Inc. in Picayune for six years. He was also associated with Metropolitan Life



Jimmy Dempsey

Insurance in Hattiesburg and Calendar Stationery Company in Columbia.

He is a graduate of Louisville High School, Delta State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in secondary education, and Mississippi State University, where he obtained a master's degree in secondary school administration and guidance education.

He has a daughter, Allyson MaKay of Picayune and a son, Wade, of Nashville.

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PTK LEADERSHIP PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

Among participants in a Leadership Development Program, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, national two-year college honor society, and held at East Central Community College in Decatur, included, front row, from left, Southern Regional Vice President Leonard Benton of Broward Community College in Davie, Florida; North Central Regional Vice President Mike Sherman of Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan; New England Middle States Vice President Nancy Hammill of Burlington Community College in Pemberton, New Jersey; West/Northwest Vice President Chris Samuelson of Centralia College in Centralia, Washington; and National President Spencer Gehring of Bellevue Community College in Bellevue, Washington; back row, from left, Dr. Shelby Haris, Advisor for East Central's Theta Xi chapter; Sandra Collins of Union, chapter president; Dawn Alexander of Little Rock, vice president; and Mrs. Ann Burkes who also serves as advisor. The two-day seminar was designed to train students to become community leaders. Other participants from Mississippi Community Colleges included those from Pearl River, Copiah-Lincoln and Meridian.



SPORTS

Baseball Signees Announced at ECCC

East Central baseball coach Jamie Clark has announced signees for the 1990-91 season.

Coach Clark said in-district players recently signed include catcher Derrick Glen and second baseman Scott Reed, both of Louisville; pitcher Fabian Huddleston of Newton, catcher Tommy Joiner of Forest; outfielder Mark Stribling of Philadelphia, shortstop-third baseman Jake Yarborough of

Union and pitcher Joey Thompson of Edinburg.

Out-of-district players include pitcher-first baseman Trampas Amedee of Gonzales, La.; third baseman-outfielder Kevin Duett of Galliano, La.; pitcher Jerry Dupuy of New Roads, La.; pitcher Andy Magoun of Ferriday, La.; and shortstop Brent Lawrence of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

The fall schedule for the Diamond Warriors is listed below:

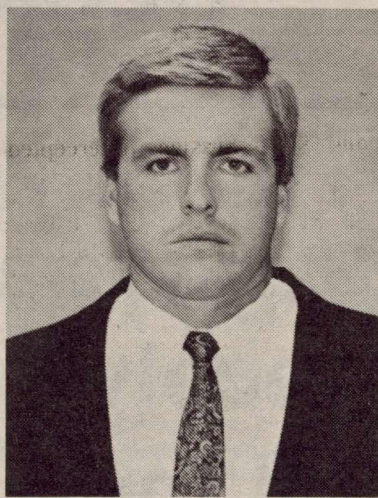
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, Sept. 18	Clark	Away	3:00
Friday, Sept. 21	Belhaven	Away	2:00
Tuesday, Sept. 25	Miss. College	Away	4:00
Tuesday, Oct. 2	Jones	Home	4:00
Monday, Oct. 8	East Miss	Away	4:00
Monday, Oct. 16	East Miss	Home	4:00
Thursday, Oct. 18	Belhaven	Home	2:00
Monday, Oct. 22	USM	There	TBA

Bradshaw joins coaching staff

The newest member of the East Central coaching staff is Brad Bradshaw who has been named assistant football coach. Along with his coaching duties, Bradshaw has been assigned responsibilities in dormitory supervision, weight room coordination and recruiting.

Before coming to East Central, Bradshaw, 25, served as assistant football coach and science teacher at Madison-Ridgeland Academy in Madison during the 1989-90 school year. As a member of Coach Jack Carlisle's staff, Bradshaw's main responsibility concerned coaching offensive linemen. The MRA squad finished the 1989 campaign with an 8-2 mark.

Prior to his coaching-teaching stint at Madison-Ridgeland



BRAD BRADSHAW

Bowen adds five players to Warrior Squad

East Central Community College men's basketball coach Jay Bowen has announced the signing of five additional players to his Warrior squad for the 1990-91 campaign.

Recent signees include J. P. Viverette, a 6'4", 170-pound small forward from Sebastopol; Marvin Nash, a 6'3", 190-pound guard from Carthage; Chris Johnson, a 5'10", 150-pound point guard from Philadelphia; Marcus Beason, a 6'2", 175-pound small forward from Hickory; and Richie Rivers, a 6'1", 155-pound guard from Union.

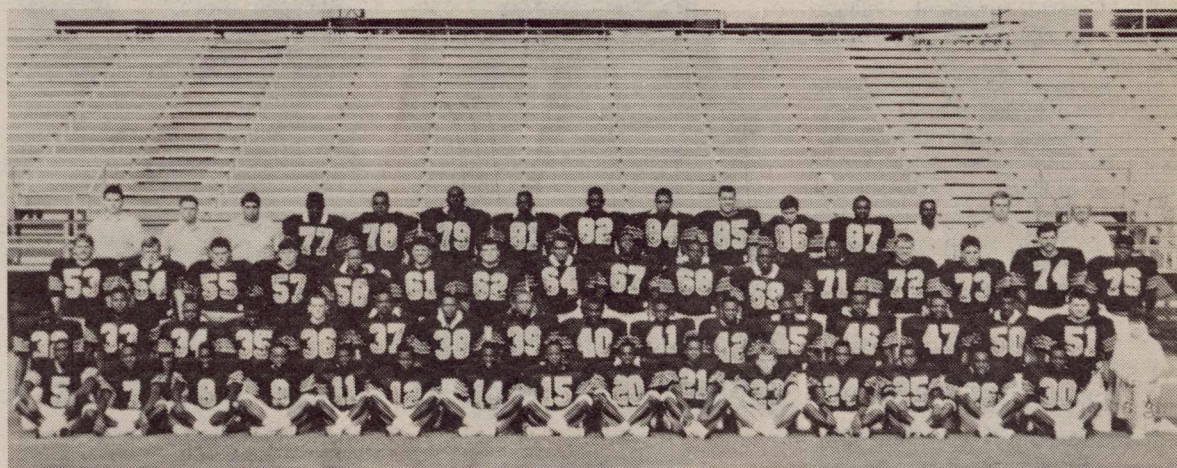
Bowen said the five athletes join four early signees and eight returnees on East Central's team.

Academy, Bradshaw served as a graduate assistant football coach at the University of Arkansas at Monticello which posted an 11-1 record and advanced to the national playoffs. He previously served one year as trainer-weight program coordinator at the University's Cardiovascular Clinic.

His first coaching assignment was at Strider Academy in Charleston where he was an assistant football coach and supervised weight-training from 1983-85, working primarily in the summer months.

Bradshaw is a graduate of Strider Academy where he was an All-State linebacker and was instrumental in leading the team to a state championship and a 12-1 overall record.

He was also an All-State performer as an offensive guard at Northwest Mississippi Junior College in Senatobia.



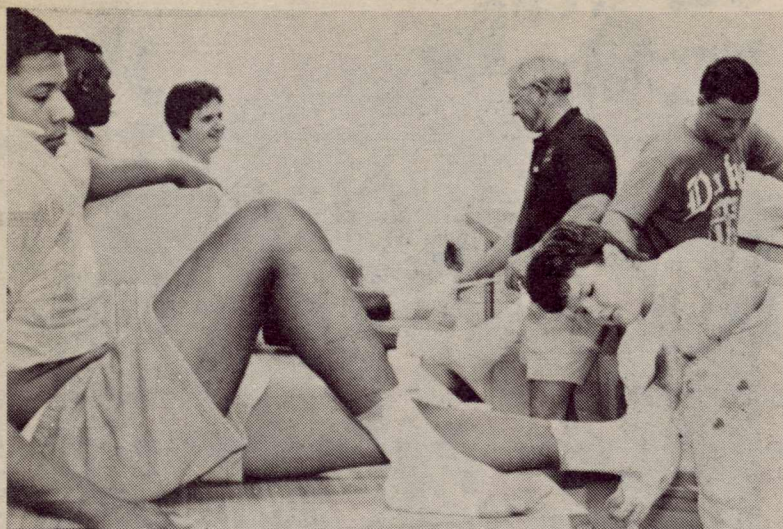
1990 EAST CENTRAL FOOTBALL TEAM

Members of the 1990 East Central Community College Warrior football team include, first row, from left, quarterback Wayne Kelly (5) of Philadelphia, quarterback Lamont Byrd (7) of Carrollton, Georgia, running back Sammie Holifield (8) of Lake, running back Tyrone Collier (9) of Neshoba Central, wide receiver Tim White (11) of Forest; defensive back Gregg Cox (12) of Montevallo, Alabama; wide receiver Tony Kidd (14) of B. B. Comer High School in Sylacauga, Alabama; free safety Hayes Petty (15) of Tuscaloosa Central; running back Willie McClelland (20) of Beulah Hubbard; defensive back Dewey Lee (21) of Louisville; wide receiver David Savell (23) of Decatur; defensive back Felton Burroughs (24) of Thomasville, Alabama defensive back Kendrick Coleman (25) of Louisville; wide receiver Earl Campbell (26) of Union; wide receiver Chris Crowder (30) of Carrollton, Georgia; second row, from left, running back Jerry Welch (32) of Neshoba Central; fullback Albert Jones (33) of Montevallo, Alabama; tailback Shannon Welch (34) of LaGrange, Georgia; defensive back Markeke Holmes (35) of Louisville; Kicker Pete Porter (36) of Morton; defensive back Columbus Wilkins (37) of Tuscaloosa Central; running back Terry Walker (38) of Graceville, Florida; strong safety Russell Meeks (39) of Evergreen, Alabama; fullback Wayne Gay (40) of Tuscaloosa County High School; running back Terry Bogan (41) of Hickory; wide receiver Zaus Carter (42) of Noxapater; linebacker Marcus Street (45) of Columbus, Georgia; fullback Anthony Walker (46) of Demopolis, Alabama; linebacker Wyatt Williams (47), also of Demopolis; fullback Anthony Thomas (50) of Columbus, Georgia; center Paul Evans (51) of Lake; trainer Becky Ezell of Decatur; third row, from left, center Brent Bailey (53) of Carthage, linebacker Opie Ray (54) of Philadelphia, defensive lineman Jimmy Brown (55) of Morton; offensive guard Jared Beiriger (57) of St. Amant, Louisiana; linebacker Robert Taylor (58) of Tuscaloosa Central; offensive guard Scott Shoemaker (61) of Morton; offensive guard Chris Houston (62) of Oxford, Alabama; defensive tackle Zederick Cistrunk (64) of Louisville; offensive tackle Terence Peoples (67) of Montevallo, Alabama; defensive tackle David Brown (68) of Tuscaloosa Central; defensive end Dynassus Buggs (69) also of Tuscaloosa Central; defensive tackle Ben Williams (71) of Campbellton, Florida; offensive tackle Chad Driskell (72) of Scott Central; offensive guard Michael Beasley (73) of Edinburg, offensive tackle Wesley Barrett (74) of Decatur; offensive tackle Dewayne Johnson (76) of Thomasville, Alabama; fourth row, from left, manager Ken Rowell of Hickory; trainer Jim Allen of Leake Academy; trainer-manager Phil Leone of Winston Academy; linebacker Michael Hathorn (77) of Neshoba Central; defensive tackle Dee Dee Moore (78) of Neshoba Central; defensive end Tim Jackson (79) of Demopolis, Alabama; defensive end William Boyd (81) of Carthage, tight end Derrick Gwin (82) of Thomasville, Alabama; linebacker Mark Patrick (84) of Sebastopol; tight end Shannon Dodson (85) of Brookwood High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; linebacker Jim Duncan (86) of Thomasville, Alabama; wide receiver Lamar Blalock (87) of Decatur; assistant coaches Tony Triplet and Brad Bradshaw and head coach A. J. Kilpatrick.

1990 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME
Sept. 15	Gulf Coast	Decatur	Sat.	7:30
Sept. 22	Coahoma	Decatur	Sat.	7:30
Sept. 27	Holmes	Goodman	Thurs.	7:00
Oct. 6	Hinds	Raymond	Sat.	6:00
Oct. 13	*Pearl River	Decatur	Sat.	2:30
Oct. 20	Southwest	Summit	Sat.	7:30
Oct. 27	Jones	Decatur	Sat.	7:30
No. 1	Northeast	Booneville	Thurs.	6:30

*Homecoming



FIRST FEMALE TRAINER

Trainer Becky Ezell, a freshman from Decatur, is shown "at work" taping an ankle for an injured Warrior football player.



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Becky Ezell becomes EC's first female athletic trainer

By ROBIN MILLING

Fans attending East Central football games this season have a surprise waiting for them. The college's first female trainer will be taking to the field with the Warriors this year.

Becky Ezell, a freshman from Decatur, will be in charge of wrapping and taping players' injuries. She will basically be in charge of the players' well-being.

It is not by luck that Becky got the position of trainer. She worked hard for it. Beginning in the eighth grade, Becky served as manager for the girls' basketball team at Decatur. She kept books, took care of equipment and bolstered low spirits.

In the tenth grade, when a teacher asked the dreaded question, "What are you going to be?" Becky replied, "A trainer."

In the spring of 1989, one of the coaches at Decatur gave her an application for a camp which was designed to instruct trainers.

Becky went to Larry Harms, football coach at Decatur, asking to be trainer for the high school Warrior squad in the fall of 1989. Coach Harms told her that the position would be hers if she would go to the camp, come back and be able to tell

him everything she learned. Becky attended the camp that summer, came back and did just what he had asked - she told him everything she had learned. Needless to say, she got the position.

The players accepted her and presented her with a new nickname, "Becky Trainer."

In the spring of 1990, Becky approached East Central's head football coach, A. J. Kilpatrick, about becoming the trainer for East Central's Warriors. Coach Kilpatrick asked Dr. Eddie Smith, president of the college, for his approval and received it.

Becky attended a few of the spring training sessions and became familiar with the coaches and players. The weeks of practice before the fall semester gave the members of the team time to get used to a female in their midst, coaches and players alike.

Becky hopes to attend the University of Alabama or Louisiana State University and major in sports medicine. Her dream is to work with the New Orleans Saints. With her determination and perseverance, she just might do it!



CONRAD GERMANY

Germany selected new ECCC instructor

Conrad Germany of Union has been selected automotive body and fender repair instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president.

Germany, 48, has operated Germany's Body Shop in Union since October, 1986.

The new East Central instructor has over 20 years experience in the field of automotive body and fender repair, with approximately 10 years being served as an instructor in vocational-technical centers and high schools in Florida.

Germany, a Jasper County native, is a graduate of Scottsbluff (Nebraska) High School, University of West Florida in Pensacola and Pensacola Junior College. He also attended various workshops held at training centers throughout the southeast.

He is a member of Bluff Spring Church of God where he teaches the Adult Sunday School class and serves on the church's board of trustees. He also serves the state association as a member of the business committee.

Germany is married to the former Pat Pelfrey of Middletown, Ohio and they have three sons, Larry, Donald and Randy.

Copiah-Lincoln rallies to defeat East Central

Turnovers and penalties proved too costly for East Central Community College as Copiah-Lincoln capitalized on Warrior mistakes and rallied for a 17-12 victory Saturday night in Wesson.

East Central, now 0-2 overall and 0-1 in division action, jumped out to an early 6-0 lead when tailback Sammie Holifield found paydirt from three yards out with 15 seconds remaining in the first period. Pete Porter's PAT attempt was blocked. The scoring drive covered 54 yards.

The Warriors seemed to be in complete control of the South Division matchup, especially defensively, until EC mishaps became too much to overcome.

Co-Lin's Calen Yeldon took advantage of one Warrior miscue when he grabbed a mid-air fumble and raced 20 yards for the score. Greg Scoggins kicked the PAT which gave the home standing Wolves a 7-6 lead midway in the second period.

The most exciting play of the night was one that did not count as Warrior return specialist and wide receiver David Savell took the ensuing kickoff and quickly weaved his way through the Co-Lin defense for a 95-yard touchdown run. However, Savell's effort was negated as a clipping penalty nullified his scoring jaunt.

The Warriors were unable to successfully move the pigskin and were forced to punt.

Co-Lin later drove 49 yards with Scoggins ending the drive by his 31-yard field goal which stretched the Wolves' lead to a 10-6 halftime margin.

A Warrior fumble midway in the third quarter set up another Co-Lin score as quarterback Allen Thomas fired a 10-yard strike to wide receiver Scott Harris which capped

a 44-yard drive. Scoggins again added the PAT and Co-Lin led 17-6.

East Central later mounted a drive of its own but the scoring threat was ended when defensive back Steve Sessions intercepted quarterback Lamont Byrd's aerial on the Co-Lin 25.

Byrd later found a wide-open Shannon Dodson for a 51-yard pass completion to the Wolves' 34. But on a night when mistakes prevailed, Byrd was intercepted by Co-Lin's Lawrence Green on the Wolves' 15-yard-line with a little over six minutes remaining.

East Central was able to mount a last minute scoring drive with quarterback Wayne Kelly connecting with Kendrick Coleman on a 32-yard touchdown pass with 16 seconds left in the contest. The Warriors' try for the two-point conversion was not successful.

ECCC plans annual alumni tennis tourney

The sixth annual alumni tennis tournament will be held Oct. 8 through Oct. 11 as part of homecoming activities at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Matches will begin each evening at 6:30.

Singles and doubles competition is scheduled for men and women with an over 35 division also planned. Entrants can only participate in singles or doubles events and are not allowed to compete in both.

Participation is open to East Central alumni and current students. Those competing are required to

furnish a new can of tennis balls in lieu of an entry fee. Deadline to enter is Monday, Oct. 1.

For more information contact Mike Anderson, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327 or phone 635-2111, extension 249.



Wheelchair lift provides access to classrooms for Morton paraplegic

With his mind now set on becoming a chemical engineer, Dennis Stuart of Morton has decided to let nothing stand in his way of becoming a successful and productive citizen.

To achieve his goals, Stuart, a paraplegic who has been confined to a wheelchair for 12 years, obviously has to overcome obstacles not faced by many students. But thanks to ECCC, once impossible tasks like maneuvering up and down stairs to attend classes are now "a piece of cake" for the 32-year-old liberal arts major.

East Central, in accordance with federal and state guidelines, recently installed wheelchair lifts at the Vocational-Technical Center and in the Newton Hall classroom building. Other measures are also being implemented and planned to assist handicapped students at the Decatur campus.

The lifts are designed to carry a wheelchair passenger from floor to floor by following an existing stairway. Without the use of an automatic lift, those confined to

wheelchairs would have to depend on individuals to carry them up and down stairways.

"I'm really appreciative of East Central for installing the chair lifts," Stuart said, who, like all lift users, is provided a key to operate the equipment. When the key is inserted, a "door bell" like sound is made which signals the lift is about to be in use.

Stuart, who broke his spine during a one-car accident on Jackson's Airport Road in August, 1978, was a member of the Air Force at the time of his accident. A former security policeman, Stuart receives 100 percent disability benefits. Since the near-fatal accident 12 years ago, he has undergone months of rehabilitation treatment at Veterans' Hospitals in Memphis and Jackson. He also went through a divorce in 1983 and he has basically spent a lot of time "feeling sorry for myself."

"I finally decided it was time to do something worthwhile with my life. I wanted to prove to myself that I could go to college and get a good job to secure my future. And, I

basically became bored with my life."

Although confined to a wheelchair, Stuart has still maintained an active life.

The Morton High School graduate has not let the accident hinder his love for hunting. Stuart said he can handle a four-wheeler "pretty good" and he does a lot of hunting on the all-terrain vehicle for deer, rabbits and squirrels.

He also operates a personal home computer and spends a lot of time exercising in his backyard swimming pool. And if that is not enough to keep him busy, Stuart also takes care of several pets, including a wolf, German shepherd, parrot and 32 chickens. He even finds time to do a little gardening!

Stuart admitted returning to the classroom has not been easy but he said he enjoys the challenge. He said he earlier took courses at Hinds Community College before joining the National Guard in 1976. At East Central, he has earned 24 hours credit and plans to enroll in a senior university next year. He said he really appreciates the care and concern shown him by the East Central instructors.

Stuart not only has strong desires to become a bio-chemist engineer but he also plans to one day resume a normal, healthy life as he stated, "I'm going to walk again."

With his positive attitude, one has the feeling Stuart can accomplish almost anything.

"And thanks to East Central," he said, "I'm well on my way."



FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS

Football cheerleaders for the 1990 season include, kneeling from left, Bethany Brantley of Carthage, Ocean Moore of Philadelphia and Kristi Patrick (captain) of Carthage; and, from left, Ginger Buckley of Enterprise, Steve Tucker of Carthage, Michelle Mitchell of Morton, Michalle Everett of Hickory, Wendy Ellis of Carthage, David LeBlanc of Forest and Amy Fussell of Louisville. Not pictured are Charlie Moorehead of Forest, Matt Strum of Carthage, and Kimberly Shirley of Forest. Serving as cheerleader sponsor is Melissa Lewis, an instructor in the Child Care Supervision Technology program.

Betty Doty named new dormitory supervisor

By ROBIN MILLING

Bringing with her very useful experience in crowd control, a tolerance for noise and a shoulder to cry on, Mrs. Betty Doty has joined the staff of East Central as dorm supervisor of Newsome Hall.

Mrs. Doty has worked at Wood Junior College in Mathiston, the Masonic Home in Meridian and the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson. At the Children's Village, Mrs. Doty was in charge of a houseful of teenage boys, so there will be a little bit of difference. She is looking forward to getting to know the girls who will be her neighbors and charges for the next few months.

Mrs. Doty has lived all over the South, making her home in Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana and Alabama. She lived in Ankara, Turkey and Frankfurt, Germany. During her stay in Turkey, a civil war was being fought. Anything American was worth five times what she paid for it. "A pair of hose I paid fifty cents for was worth five dollars on the Turkish black market," says Mrs. Doty.

A great fan of football, Mrs. Doty has no particular favorite when it comes to teams. "Any game that happens to be on will keep me happy," laughs Mrs. Doty.

Born in Winston County and educated at Zama school in Attala County, Mrs. Doty thinks it's nice to be near home again. She says everyone on campus has been very friendly and welcoming. "If I haven't met someone, they make it a point to come up to me and introduce themselves," says Mrs. Doty.

Mrs. Doty makes a nice addition to the East Central family. We hope her stay here is enjoyable and full of times that will become warm and happy memories.



BETTY DOTY

BSU holds cool reception

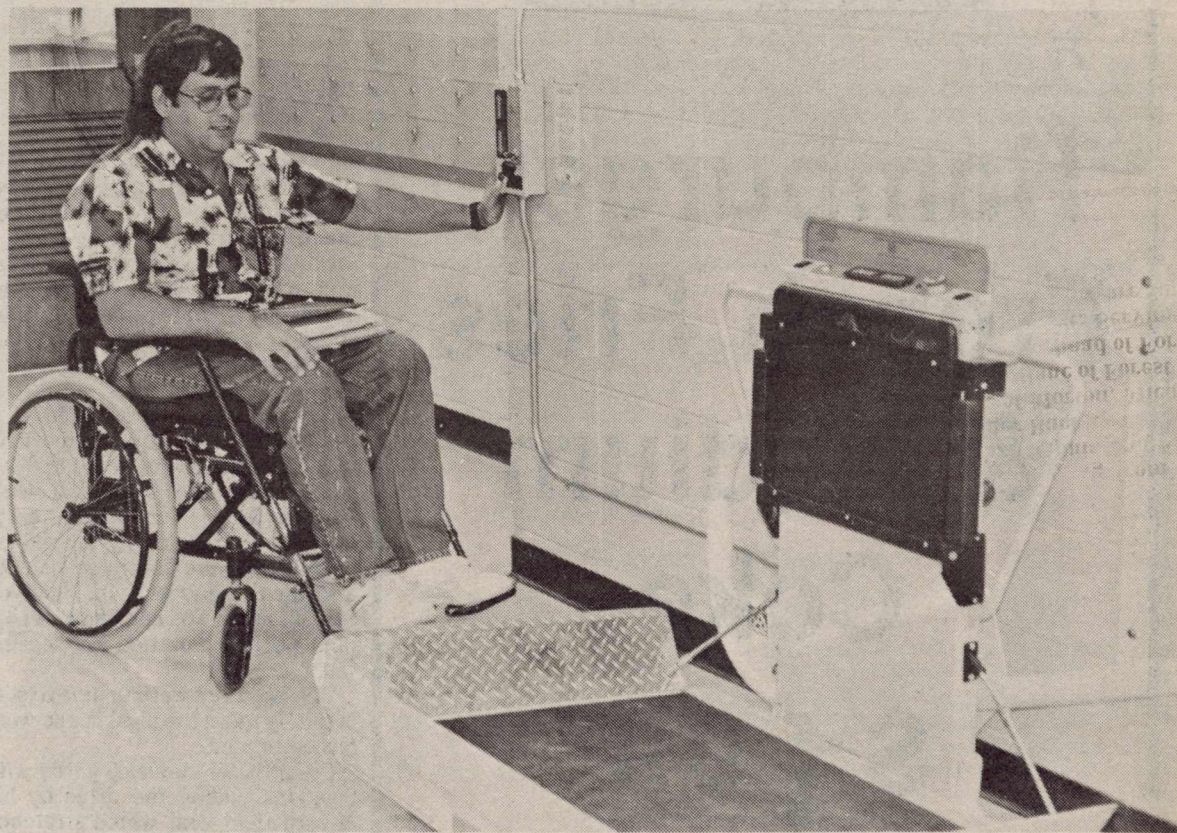
By SCOTT CUMMINS

The "Welcome Back Party" held at the BSU Tuesday night was fun for all who attended. People were met by the 1990 council as they came through the door and they were given a glimpse of last year's activities as a video tape played for all to see.

Tim Glaze, BSU director, started things off by welcoming everyone and introducing the 1990 council: Gayla Goodwin, president; Timmy Latham, outreach/enlistment; Mark Shaw, evangelism chairperson; John Sanders, worship chairperson; Scott Cummins, secretary/treasurer; Richard Graham, mission chairperson and Scott Walker, sports chairperson.

The guest speaker for the night was the minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church of Newton, Randy Cuchens.

When the festivities were over guests were treated to a helping of homemade ice cream and cake.



WHEELCHAIR LIFT

Liberal Arts major Dennis Stuart of Morton prepares to "board" a wheelchair lift recently installed in Newton Hall. An additional lift is provided at the Vocational-Technical Center. Stuart, 32, a paraplegic for 12 years, has set a goal of becoming a bio chemist-engineer.

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East Central homecoming set for Oct. 13

Michelle Mitchell, a sophomore from Morton, was recently elected homecoming queen at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mitchell, she will officially be crowned during halftime ceremonies of the East Central-Pearl Community College football game scheduled Saturday, Oct. 13.

Kickoff for the homecoming battle is set for 2:30 p. m. on the Warrior field.

Other members of the homecoming court include maid of honor Renea Thames of Union; sophomore maids Amy Cumberland of Philadelphia, Michalle Everett of Hickory and Buffy Reeves of Decatur; and freshman maids Wendy Ellis of Carthage, Amy Fussell of Louisville and Kimberly Shirley of Forest.

Miss Mitchell is involved in various activities at East Central. She currently serves as vice president of the Student Body Association. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, serving the latter organization as vice president.

She was recently chosen for membership into the Warrior Corps, which is a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for college events and activities.

Miss Mitchell is also a member of the Student Judicial Court and she is presently serving her second year as cheerleader for the football and basketball teams.

Her escort is freshman Scott Sumerall, also of Morton.

A sophomore, the 1990 maid of honor is the daughter of James

Thames and Joann Preston of Union.

Miss Thames is a two-year member of the college's gospel choir and she is serving this year as East Central basketball team manager.

She is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School.

Serving as her escort is freshman Derek Brown of Newton.

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Cumberland is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, S. A. D. D. (Students Against Drunk Driving), President's Council and the Warrior Corps.

She served as cheerleader her freshman year and she presently is serving as captain of the Diamond Girls.

Miss Cumberland also participates in intramural sports.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cumberland of Philadelphia.

Her escort is sophomore Brian

Jones, also of Philadelphia.

Miss Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Everett Jr. of Hickory, is also involved in various college activities and currently serves as secretary of the Student Body Association.

She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Warrior Corps and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, an organization she serves as president.

Miss Everett is serving her second year as football cheerleader and currently serves as captain of the fashion squad.

Her escort is sophomore Ken Humphries of Louisville.

Miss Reeves is serving her second year as a member of the Centralettes, the dance line for the college's marching band.

During her freshman year, she was treasurer of the freshman class and a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reeves of Decatur, she will

be escorted by sophomore Brian Cooper, also of Decatur.

Miss Ellis, daughter of Sherry Ellis and Sammy Ellis of Carthage, is a member of the college's football and basketball cheerleading squads and she serves as a Diamond Girl and roundball recruiter.

Her escort is freshman Matthew Freeny, also of Carthage.

Miss Fussell serves as a football cheerleader and Diamond Girl and she was recently selected for membership in the Warrior Corps.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Fussell of Louisville. Her escort is freshman Chad Harrison of Union.

A football and basketball cheerleader, Miss Shirley also participates in intramural flag football.

The Forest High School graduate is the daughter of Martha Smith.

Her escort is freshman Bruce Hall of Forest.

EC names outstanding faculty, alumni, Athletic Hall of Fame

Outstanding alumni, faculty and those chosen for induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame for 1990 have been selected by the Alumni Association at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Those named include Mrs. Jo McMullan Taylor of Forest, selected "Alumna of the Year;" Larry Hogue of Flowood, "Alumnus of the Year;"

Record enrollment reported at East Central

An all-time record enrollment has been reported at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said 1,372 day and evening students are enrolled for the 1990 fall term, which represents over a 14 percent increase as compared to the 1989 fall semester when 1,202 students were enrolled in classes. The previous record enrollment of 1,289 students was set during the 1990 spring term.

He said 1,279 district students are attending classes with the remaining 93 coming from out of district or out of state.

The East Central district includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

Mrs. Lois Foster McMullan, "Academic Instructor of the Year;" and Wallace Keen, "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor." Former athletes scheduled for induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame include Jeff Loper of Decatur, Richard Harris of Hickory and Sherrill Ray Marshall of Jackson.

The honorees will be recognized during the annual Alumni luncheon planned as part of Homecoming activities on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Recognition will also be made of the 1940 National Guard Company, 1975-76 Women's State Championship basketball team, 1958 and 1959 football teams and all classes ending in "0," with special recognition made to the 1930 and 1940 graduating classes.

Also planned that day is a meeting of the Warrior Club, which includes all former athletes and current supporters of East Central athletics. The meeting is scheduled at 11 a. m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Golf and tennis tournaments will also be held.

Following the luncheon, the Warriors will take on the Pearl River Wildcats with kickoff scheduled at 2:30 p. m. The presentation of the Queen and Court will take place during halftime ceremonies.

A reception will be held in Mabry Cafeteria following the game.

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EC HOMECOMING ROYALTY

Members of the 1990 East Central Community College homecoming court include, seated from left, queen Michelle Mitchell of Morton; maid of honor Renea Thomas of Union; and standing, from left, freshman maids, Amy Fussell of Louisville; Wendy Ellis of Carthage and Kimberly Shirley of Forest; and sophomore maids Amy Cumberland of Philadelphia; Buffy Reeves of Decatur; and Michalle Everett of Hickory. The court will be presented during halftime ceremonies of the East Central-Pearl River Community College football game scheduled Saturday. Kickoff for the homecoming battle is set for 2:30 p. m. on the Decatur campus.

Lauderdale to exhibit art at East Central

Paintings by Bill Lauderdale of Philadelphia are currently on display in the Fine Arts Center at East Central Community College in Decatur.

His exhibit will continue through the month of October.

Lauderdale, who serves as a fine arts coordinator for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and part time instructor for East Central, has had several other one-man shows of his work in this region and his paintings as well as prints are in many private collections throughout the nation.

In 1988 he received a fellowship grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission to exhibit his work in the State Museum of Art in Jackson.

Lauderdale received a bachelors of fine arts degree in painting from Delta State University in 1976 and earned a masters degree in printing from the University of Georgia in 1979. While studying at Georgia he received a graduate fellowship to study abroad in Cortona, Italy.

East Central art instructor Bruce Guraedy said Lauderdale's art work is called "Expressionism," which has its roots as far back as the late 1800s with works by Vincent Van Gogh. Guraedy said it wasn't until the early 20th century that the art movement consisting of a small "avant-garde group" (French for forward guard or experimental) and other progressive artists of central and northern Europe achieved much recognition for their art work.

"Expressionism paintings are characterized by arbitrary colors, flatness and distortions. There is also a great emphasis on serious content—especially that of an intense personal point of view," he said.

In his paintings, Guraedy said Lauderdale makes a statement about environmental and spiritual decay.

"One would have to agree that this nation is becoming a big garbage dump. You cannot go anywhere without noticing all the trash that has been thrown out into our sur-

roundings. In other cases we would rather burn or bury the trash than recycle. In many of Mr. Lauderdale's paintings, recyclable materials have been incorporated into the design itself for a more meaningful purpose. The old wise tale, 'One man's trash is another man's treasure,' has its application here. Religious symbols also appear throughout his works to emphasize the fact that we are doing a very poor job of taking care of this beautiful world that God has given us."

Guraedy said Lauderdale's other paintings portray symbolic television incorporated into the design.

"We are all spiritually influenced by this machine for better or worse," he said.

For further information about Lauderdale's exhibit, contact Bruce Guraedy, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327 or phone 635-2111, extension 229.

L.I.F.E. comes to ECCC

By: SCOTT CUMMINS

There is a new organization on campus and it is called L.I.F.E. (Leaders Investing in the Future of the Environment)

Sandra Collins, Mary Cay Clark, Jeff Hitt and their sponsor, Gail Wood, started the club to promote awareness of and solutions to problems facing the environment.

The club hopes that in the near future recycling bins for plastic, glass, paper and aluminum will be placed around the campus. They may also adopt a section of highway for clean-up and have special programs with public officials as speakers.

Jeff Hitt stated, "Hopefully faculty, staff and public officials will choose to get involved with projects being undertaken by L.I.F.E."

L.I.F.E. is a unique campus organization. We wish it well and hope it becomes extremely successful on campus.



Plans homecoming activities

Members of the Executive Committee of the East Central Community College Alumni Association recently met on the Decatur campus and discussed plans for the college's annual Homecoming celebration which is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 13, 1990. A variety of activities and meetings is planned for the special day, including the alumni luncheon when awards will be presented to outstanding alumni and faculty members. Committee members include, seated from left, Paul Chamblée of Carthage, Leake County representative; Gary Adkins of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; Mrs. Lois Cooper of Decatur, secretary-treasurer; Earl Marshall of Clinton, president; Skippy Lathem of Morton, vice president; Mrs. Patsy Clark of Louisville, Winston County representative; Dan Harrison of Newton, Newton County representative; standing, from left, college officials Jim Dempsey, vocational-technical counselor; Mrs. Ann Burkes, librarian; Dr. Brad Tucker, dean of instruction; John Adcock, vocational-technical director; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president; and Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of students. Not pictured are Mrs. Gloria McRae of Carthage, past president; Ed Eichelberger of Forest, Scott County representative; out-of-district representative James Vance of Meridian and Larry Payne of Clinton, college financial aid director; Mrs. Brenda Carson who serves as faculty club chairman and student body president Chi Little of Philadelphia.

New members announced for ECCC Warrior Corps

Twenty-three students have been tapped for membership in the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, which is a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various events and activities.

To be chosen for the prestigious organization, students are interviewed by a committee composed of college personnel and the current Warrior Corps president.

New members include the following:

Leake County: McArthur Hannah, Billy Howell, Lela Ladner, Matt Strum and Melanie Wilcher, all of Carthage;

Neshoba County: Pamela Belk, Amy Cumberland, Chris Little, Patty Sims and Brandy White, all of Philadelphia;

Newton County: Tam Cooper, Kim Griffin, Tammie Rigdon and Christina Wood, all of Decatur; Chad Harrison of Union; and Angela Nicholson of Little Rock;

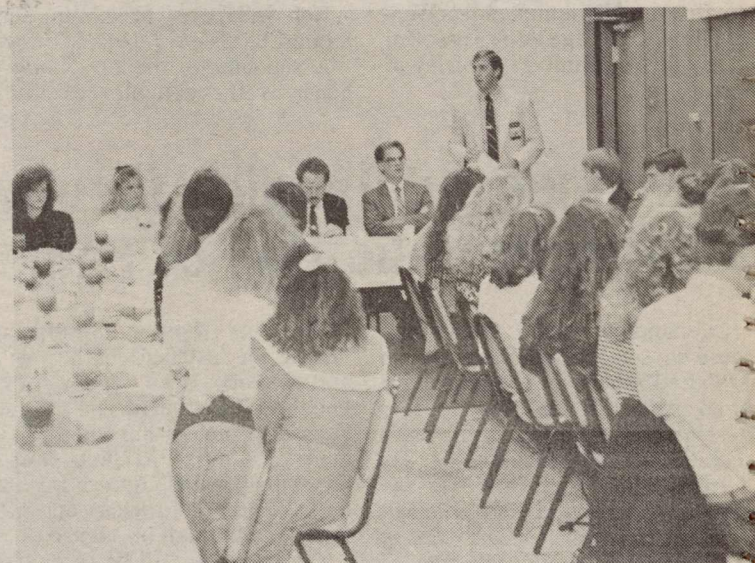
Scott County: Rush Callahan and Meshalle Stewart, both of Forest; John Fleming of Lake and Michelle Mitchell of Morton;

Winston County: Amy Fussell of Louisville and Bubba Pierce of Noxapater;

Out of District: Ginger Buckley of Enterprise.

Returning Warrior Corps members include Amy Alford and Andy Hardy, both of Philadelphia; Bethany Brantley and Kristi Patrick, both of Carthage; Chad Driskell of Forest, Michaelle Everett and Jana Fanning, both of Hickory; Jay Kerr of Newton, Hal Land and Shea Oakley, both of Louisville.

Academic counselor Gregg Jefcoat serves as sponsor.



New Warrior Corps members

Warrior Corps sponsor Gregg Jefcoat addresses new and returning members of the student organization at a recent banquet.



ATTEND RECEPTION

Approximately 50 students attended a reception held recently for those interested in joining Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for Business Administration, Business Technology and Computer Technology majors. Among those attending were from left, Jay Kerr, Amy Humphreys, Li Anderson, Sylvia Robertson, Randy Ferguson, Pamela Belk, Deway Hamrick, Tracy Adcock and Missy Joiner.

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Dinner Theater to present 'The Nerd'

By JIM HOLDER

East Central Community College will be presenting Larry Shue's *The Nerd* from Thursday, Nov. 8, through Saturday, Nov. 10 at 7 p. m. in Mabry cafeteria.

Tickets will go on sale October 22, with costs of \$5.00 for students, \$6.25 for faculty, and \$10 for the public.

Ticket reservation may be made by calling (601) 656-2126 on weekdays between 8:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.

The plot revolves around Willum Cubbert (Brent Fountain), an Indiana architect who is about to celebrate his 34th birthday. He receives a telephone call from Rick Steadman (Jim Holder), a man who saved Willum's life while serving in Vietnam. Willum and Rick have never actually met, but they have kept in touch through letters over the years and finally get the chance to meet.

Unfortunately, Rick turns out to be a real nerd. He proceeds to change Willum's life for the worst in just one week. Willum is finally forced to try to get rid of his "best friend" Rick, with some help from his friends, Tansy McGinnis (Pam Gilmer) and Axel Hammond (Andy Hardy).

Some cast members recently commented on this fall's two-act

production. Brent Fountain discussed why the character of Willum appealed so much to him.

"Willum seemed to be so opposite from myself that I wanted a chance to act and not just play a character. He's really a mix of all the dry characters on T. V. shows. He doesn't have any funny lines until he gets pushed to the limit, then he becomes unpredictable."

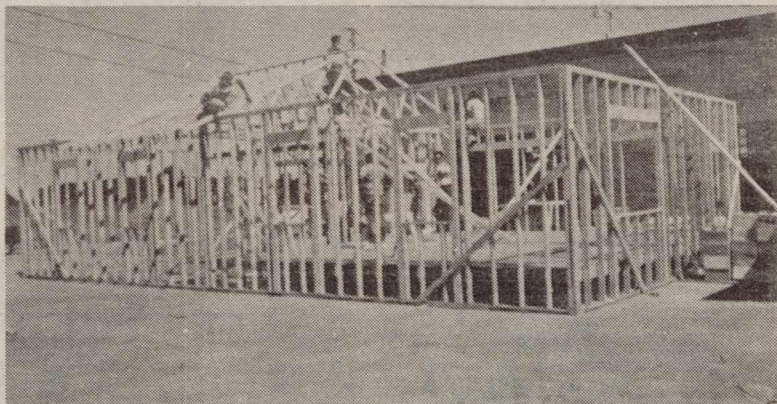
Jeff Hitt plays Warnock Waldgrave, Willum's boss. This is his first role ever, and he says he's enjoying it: "I'm getting to see how other people besides myself would behave in particular situations. Plus, the play is funny in itself, so it allows me to release some tension."

Sandra Collins plays Clelia,

Waldgrave's wife. She noted the difference between her latest character and the one she played in last year's Dinner Theater: "Last fall I played a spitfire, a very dominant person. Clelia, on the other hand, is very passive and kind. I chose to play a smaller part this year because I have a lot of other things going on."

Finally, Pam Gilmer summed up the cast's feelings of working under new director Judy Carroll:

"I don't feel pressured because Mr. (Bruce) Peterson is gone. Miss Carroll is doing a wonderful job. I thought she would be inexperienced, but she really knows her stuff. We miss Mr. Peterson, but we're coping just fine."



Carpentry students with projects

Carpentry students are busy working on their fall semester projects which include the building of two houses under the supervision of instructors Larry Blackburn and Fredrick Lyons. Material for the houses are furnished by customers with all work being provided by East Central personnel. In top photo, students enrolled in the basic carpentry class are shown at work while those in advanced carpentry take a break and pose in front of a nearly completed house in the bottom photo. From left to right are John Todd, Hickory; Tracy Beemon, Louisville; Howard Ealy, Forest; Tim Jackson, Demopolis, Alabama; Al Moore, Philadelphia; Andrew Mason, Louisville; Ray Porter, Forest; Johnny Stewart and Jamie Slaughter, both of Carthage; Ben Lyonn, Philadelphia; Doug Williams, Conehatta; and Lonnie Anderson (on top of ladder), Lake.



The cast for the 1990 Dinner Theater production of "The Nerd" back row, standing left to right Willum (Brent Fountain); Axel (Andy Hardy); production assistant (Tracy Weaver); Waldgrave (Jeff Hitt); sitting left to right Tansy (Pamila Gilmer); "The Nerd" Rick Steadman (Jim Holder); Clelia (Sandra Collins).



ECCC Phi Beta Lambda officers

Recently elected officers of Theta Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda include, from left, Randy Ferguson of Hickory, president; Jay Kerr, vice president, and Martha Sibley, secretary, both of Newton; Tammy Ferguson of Hickory, reporter; Tracy Adecock of Louisville, treasurer; Dewayne Hamrick of Newton, historian; and Pamela Belk of Union, parliamentarian. Organized for business students, Phi Beta Lambda's purpose is to foster a better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general.

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Burton Library not just 'a place to get a book'

By TY JANKOWSKI

I recently talked with Mrs. Ann Burkes, the head librarian in Burton Library here at East Central. She explained to me a few of the services available at the library that some people may or may not have known about.

She emphasized the presence of three specific items, which include a Typing Room, which accommodates five regularly serviced typewriters with desks, although typing paper and correction tabs must be purchased at the bookstore or elsewhere. It costs nothing to use the typewriters, and you only need to leave your I. D. card at the circulation desk before operating them.

There is also a coin operated copying machine in the library, and the dimes needed to use it are available by exchange at the circulation desk.

Finally, the bulletin board in the lobby is updated regularly with important points of interest, as it is now with the world's present situation in the Middle East.

Also available, as in any good library, are several new books, some of which are presently or have been on the "Best Seller's" list. Some of these include: *My Turn: The Memoirs of Nancy Reagan* by Nancy Reagan; *Blessings* by Belva Plain; *Tales from Margaritaville* by Jimmy Buffett; *The Shell Seekers* by Rosamunde Pilcher; and *Cold Harbour* by Jack Higgins. She also mentioned that a sizeable new order of interesting literature was on its way, and it sounds as if the new books will quickly become popular with the students at EC when they discover what some of the books are about.

AN EDITORIAL**'Why so high?'**

By WANDA BREEDLOVE

As everyone knows the Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait by Iraq's Saddam Hussein has affected many people. The hostages and their parents, loved ones of our service people, and the people of Iraq are among those touched by this crisis. But, no one thinks about how the average working class American is affected.

People are affected in many ways, but, the most significant way for this writer and others alike is the rising price of gas. As prices rise to \$1.45 a gallon and as much as \$30 a barrel, it is hard for those of us who try

to work and go to school to make it. Before the crisis, I spent \$15 a week driving to school five days a week. I now spend \$20 a week to drive from Philadelphia to Decatur three days a week.

It is utterly ridiculous for prices to skyrocket in such a way. One may be fighting a losing battle when he or she is trying to stay a little ahead of the bill collector. The price must not change that much when we have oil and other methods of fuel production. With a little compassion and thought the American government can help alleviate the problem.

AN EDITORIAL**It's not too late to stop!**

By JEFF HITT

Smoking is becoming an increasing problem among students at East Central. More and more highly talented and intellectual students are taking up this nasty and harmful habit.

The desire to smoke comes from an often unbreakable addiction to nicotine, the chemical substance found in cigarettes and cigarette smoke. This smoke is not only drastically harmful to the smoker, but to non-smokers as well. Studies show a relationship between many cancer cases of non-smokers and the existence of second-hand smoke.

Smoking contributes to many health problems. Smoking can be traced to many diseases and persistent problems. These include (1) heart disease, (2) lung disease, (3) cancers of the lung, (4) cancers of the mouth, (5) improper stimulation of the nervous system, (6) over stimulation of the heart, and (7) increased blood pressure.

Cigarette smoke also contains harmful gases, including dangerous

oxides and hydrogen cyanide. Carbon monoxide, which is also found in cigarette smoke (as well as car exhaust), prevents enough oxygen from reaching the brain, the heart and other important tissues.

Smoking is an atrocious habit, causing yellowing of the teeth, bad breath and an annoying odor in the dorms and on one's clothing. It is also an expensive habit. The money spent on cigarettes can be used for something constructive. After all, when a person buys cigarettes, what he or she buys basically goes up in smoke. If a person bought a car or a new pair of shoes would he or she set them on fire? Think about it!

Finally think about this: 60 cigarettes contain enough nicotine to kill a human being if the amount were taken at once. How many cigarettes have you smoked today? How many cigarettes have you smoked in the last week? Are you smoking right now? If you are, you need to put it out for the sake of yourself and the sake of others.

ECCC instructors attend Lamplighter seminar

By: ROBIN MILLING

Secure in the belief that "faculty are critically important in the building of a community of learning," the Mississippi Community and Junior College Academic Deans' Association and Hinds Community College have assumed the leadership role in what has become the Lamplighter Project.

The three major objectives of the Lamplighter Project are to recognize and reward effective teaching in Mississippi community and junior colleges; to give effective instructors an opportunity to share with one another those teaching techniques that promote learning; and to give classroom instructors exposure to classroom research.

The Lamplighter Project will move the educational focus in the state's community and junior col-

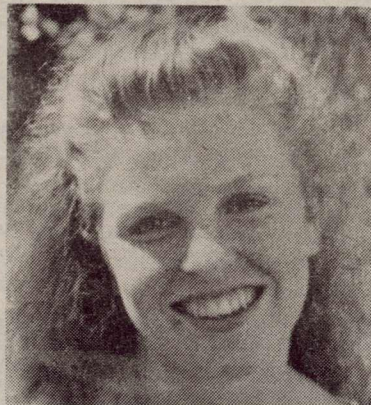
leges from activity, inputs and process toward results, outcomes and productivity in the area of learning. It will define more clearly what is meant by quality and excellence in teaching and it will encourage recognition of outstanding faculty. It will reinforce the reputation of participating colleges, already considered the axis around which education revolves in Mississippi.

The seminar, which took place Sept. 28 - 29, was hosted by Hinds Community College. The seminar sought to define the concepts of quality and excellence in classroom learning. Representing East Central were Dr. Richard Ethridge, Ovid Vickers, Larry Blackburn and Dr. Shelby Harris.

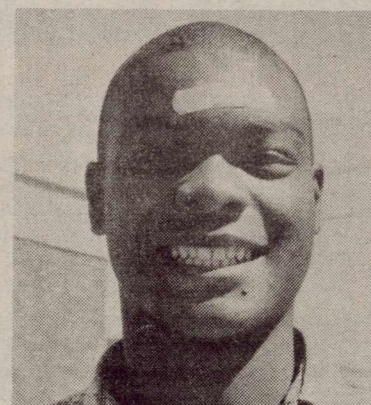
"The seminar was a very enjoyable, informative and enriching experience," stated Dr. Harris.

Student opinion poll

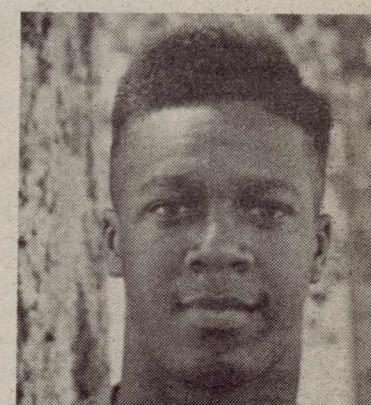
By KIM WEDGEWORTH

Where is your favorite hangout since you have come to EC?

Misty Cornett, Louisville
"Scott Hall, Room 307"



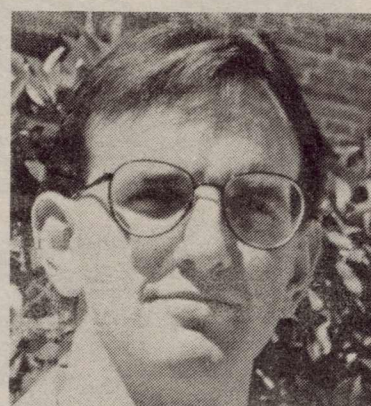
Terry Thames, Little Rock
"The student center."



Dewey Lee, Louisville
"Newsome Hall, Room 124."



Pamela Pruitt, Newton
"Neshoba Hall, Room 202."



Matt Strum, Carthage
"The front of my car on the passenger side."



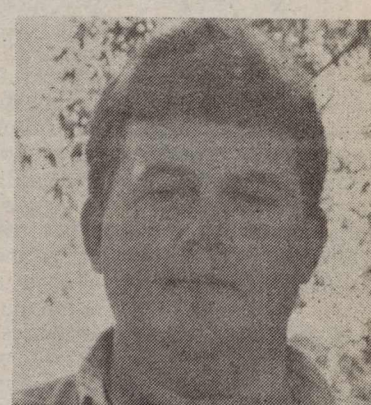
Pam Gilmer, Philadelphia
"B. B.'s at the foosball table."



Wesley Barrett, Decatur
"Roadside park."



Beverly Ware, Forest
"In the television room at the old gym with Lamont B."



Barney Comans, Sebastopol
"The intramural complex."



Sydney Leonard, Sebastopol
"Being Pam G's partner at the foosball table at B. B.'s."

Wo-He-Lo receives awards

By TY JANKOWSKI

On September 25 and 26, 1990, Mrs. Carol Vickers and Dr. Jeff Smith, along with six members of the East Central Publication Staff, attended the semi-annual Mississippi Junior and Community College Press Association's Fall Conference in Natchez, Mississippi.

At a banquet held in the famous antebellum mansion Stanton Hall, the 1989 Wo-He-Lo won two awards, 1st (first place for Best Copy) and 3rd (third place for Best Theme).

The event also consisted of workshops for paper and annual staff members. Award-winning journalists and photographers from around the state were present as guest speakers.

Those from EC who attended included Jeff Hitt, Robin Milling, Jire Holder and Ty Jankowski of the Tom-Tom staff; and Ab Germany and Twyla Kemp of the Wo-He-Lo staff. The awards banquet for the newspapers will be held this spring.

Dean of Students offers solutions to parking problem

By DR. PHIL STUPHIN
Dean of Students

Parking at East Central is a problem. However, the problem is not unique to EC. All colleges have problems with parking.

Since receiving a petition about the parking problem, I have done some checking. The data I found is included below.

Most tickets have been written for no decal. This offense has no direct bearing on the number of spaces.

Fifty-five spaces for dorm students were added this fall. Another major lot is planned for Newsome Hall. However, due to money problems, this lot will not be completed until next fall.

The major problem with parking is "reasonable" distance to where you want to go. There are parking spaces on campus but we must be patient and accept a few inconveniences.

My personal response to the pro-

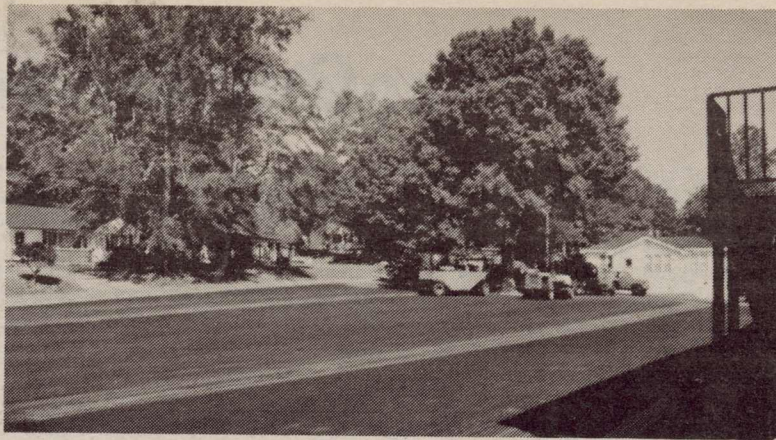
blem is walking. Another option is to leave your vehicle parked except at night and on weekends. A third option for commuters could be riding one of our three commuter buses.

Parking enforcement is helping to regulate the problem. The free flow of traffic and the needs of the institution require the parking regulations we have. Please help us by following these regulations.

We will continue to issue tickets. Tickets which are over five days old will double. Your right to take final exams could be affected by non-payment.

Mr. Mouton is a student working on the college work-study program. He is not responsible for writing the parking regulations; his only job is to ticket violations which he sees. Any problems with the regulations should be discussed with the Dean of Students.

	AVAILABLE PARKING SPACES			
	UNMARKED	FAC/STAFF	HANDICAP	TOTAL
TODD	53		2	55
OLD GYM	92	3		95
WEST MALL	28	4	2	34
VO/TECH	76	14	3	93
LIBR	30	1		31
FINE ARTS	15	6	3	24
MAB CAF		6		6
NEWTON		15		15
JACKSON	33		1	34
NEWSOME	26	2	1	29
LEAKE	20			20
B/W GYM	110			110
SCOTT	38			38
SCT/NES	44			44
NESHOBA	26			26
TOTAL	591	51	12	654



DEAN OFFERS PARKING SOLUTION

The parking problem on the East Central campus has been somewhat eased with the addition of 55 new spaces located west of Winston Hall as shown above.

SBA officers attend SCAM meeting in September

By PAMILA GILMER

The SBA officers for East Central attended a SCAM (Student Council Association of Mississippi) leadership workshop in Jackson.

The workshop was hosted by Hinds Community College on Sept. 24-25, 1990 at the Sheraton Inn North.

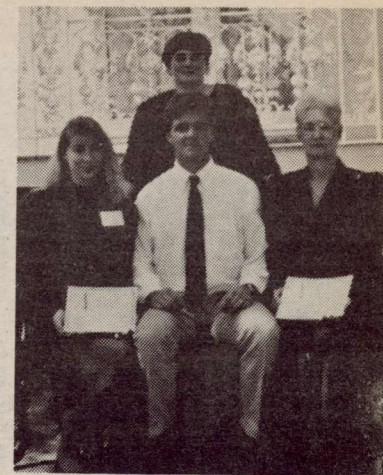
The officers attending were: Chris Little, Michelle Mitchell, Michalle Everette, Pamila Gilmer and Dr. Phil Stuphin, Dean of Students at East Central.

The workshop emphasized such things as fund-raising ideas, educational and cultural programs and

supplemental program ideas. Other things mentioned at the seminar were recreational, outdoor and civic programs.

The workshop promoted such ideas as racial awareness, art exhibits, holiday food baskets for the needy, and CPR - First Aid education.

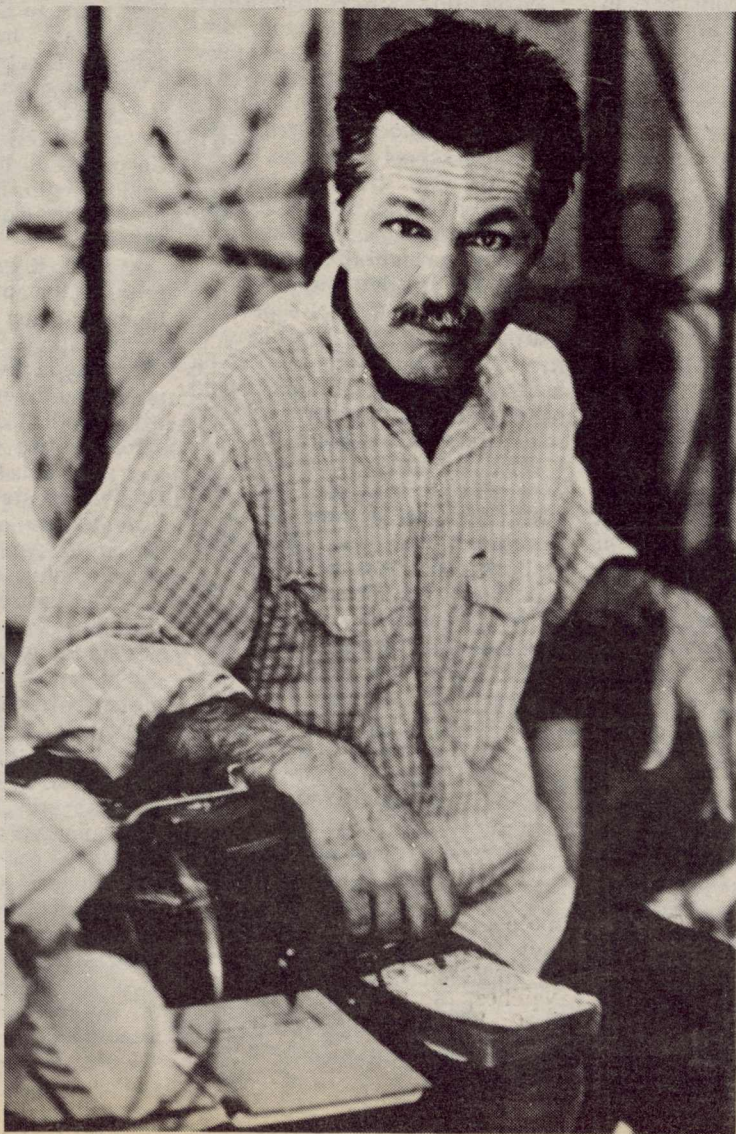
Overall, the SCAM workshop provided new leadership insight, and attempted to show the importance of student participation in various educational, cultural, and civic activities.



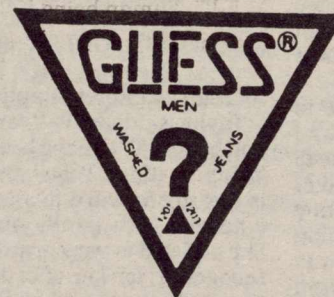
Yearbook staff wins awards

Several awards were presented to members of the college's Who-He-Lo yearbook staff during the fall conference of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Press Association held in Natchez. The 1990 student publication received first place honors for best copy and third place recognition for best theme, "Count Us In". Shown above are sophomore members of the yearbook staff who include, seated from left, Twyla Kemp of Carthage and Ab Germany of Decatur, and standing, Robin Milling of Decatur. Seated at right is English instructor Mrs. Carol Vickers who serves as sponsor.

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Selected as East Central's "Alumna of the Year," Mrs. Jo McMullan Taylor, a Decatur native, has served the past year as president of the Mississippi School Boards Association. Prior to being named to the top spot, Taylor, 42, previously served four years on the Association's Board of Directors and held the positions of vice president and secretary-treasurer. Her term as president expires in October, 1990.

She was also a member of the State Board of Education Task Force on Nonparticipation in Extracurricular Activities.

On the local level, Taylor has served seven years as a member of the Forest Municipal School Board of Trustees, with five of those years served as Board secretary.

Although the many miles she has traveled on behalf of the School Board Association the past year have been sometimes tiresome, not to mention the effect her absence has had on her family, Taylor still feels her work has been "most rewarding."

"As I travel outside the state to places like Washington, D. C. and Kansas City, Missouri, I've come to realize that Mississippi is ahead of a lot of states in many areas. Many states are just now implementing programs which Mississippi put in place with the Education Reform Act of 1982," she said.

Her greatest pleasure in serving on her local board has been helping to open communication lines between parents and schools.

"I am very proud of the communication link the Forest School district has developed with parents," Taylor said.

A few years ago Forest City Schools started sending home a list of the basic skills required of children. Now, parents know the skills their children will be learning.

"I feel parents can help their children more if they know what skill their children have to learn," Taylor said.

She said she has gained "a lot of insight" over the years as a school board member.

"I have been amazed at the responsibility a school board member has," Taylor said, "especially to make decisions based on the best information available at the time."

Concerning the recently passed but not yet funded Mississippi BEST

bill, Taylor said she is disappointed that funding has not been implemented but added, "a lot of the things Governor Mabus is calling for we are already doing in Forest."

Reasons for her involvement in public education are numerous, but probably her top three reasons include her children: Susan, an eleventh grader; Stephanie, an eighth grader; and Jonathan, who is enrolled in the fourth grade.

"George (her husband and Farmers and Merchants Bank president) and I strongly believe in supporting the public school system, and we want to do everything we can to help all children receive a quality education," she said.

An outstanding student herself, Mrs. Taylor, a 1965 Decatur High School graduate, attended East Central from 1965-67 where she was named class salutatorian.

Only a "B" in typing kept Taylor from being valedictorian.

At EC, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and served as president of the honorary society. She also attended the National PTK Convention each year.

She was also a member of the Baptist Student Union and served on the assembly committee.

"East Central was the best thing to happen to me because at EC I had a lot of free time and I finally learned what to do during that free time, which was to study," Taylor said.

"Had I gone straight to Mississippi State following graduation at Decatur High School, I know my grades would not have been too good."

Not only has Taylor been active with her work in education, but she is also involved in various club, church and other school activities. She has also done a lot of volunteer work with the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. She currently serves as secretary at Forest Baptist Church.

Taylor said she is "very pleased and honored" to have been selected "Alumna of the Year" and said she is looking forward to attending the luncheon with family and friends. She added it is very gratifying to be recognized for her efforts in education and other worthwhile causes.

"I'm just happy to be able to contribute my time and efforts to things in which I strongly believe."

"Many people have done a lot for me, and I enjoy making memories for others," Taylor said.



LARRY HOGUE

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Larry Hogue of Flowood, manager of Education Services at Mississippi Power and Light Company in Jackson, has been selected East Central's "Alumnus of the Year" for 1990.

A Forest native, Hogue, 48, has previously served the utility company in various public relations capacities since 1979.

His experience in dealing with the public is extensive, as he previously served 10 years as Public Relations Director for the Mississippi Department of Education, two years as Public Relations Coordinator for Vocational-Technical Education and three years as Public Relations Director at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson. Before he began a career in public relations, Hogue was a teacher at Central Junior High School in Biloxi. And for over 20 years he has served as a freelance wedding photographer.

In his present role at M P & L, Hogue's responsibilities include working on various programs with schools, colleges and related organizations. His major areas of emphasis, in addition to energy education, are programs to reduce adult illiteracy, reduce dropouts and strengthen science-math education.

Hogue takes the company's educational message directly to the classroom which, he said, makes his work "very satisfying" in that students are learning from business persons about the importance of staying in school. He coordinates a team of 107 company volunteers in a stay-in-school program called "Choices," reaching 50,000 ninth graders since its start in 1987. Its goal is to reduce the ninth grade dropout rate of 40 percent.

In talking to students, Hogue said volunteers stress the long-term benefits of receiving an education, and emphasize to the young people that the "choice" to succeed is theirs to make.

For his many years of professional service and his extensive work as a volunteer for many worthwhile causes, Hogue has received numerous awards and honors.

He was chosen Jackson's Outstanding Young Man in 1976, and in 1988 he received the Mississippi Power and Light Company's Distinguished Service Award. M P & L's education programs were presented The Common Goals Award, which is the Edison Electric Institute's highest national award for community responsibility.

An accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America, Hogue is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest and Who's Who in Jackson.

His civic activities are numerous and include service as Chairman of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce Education Committee; Distinguished President, former Lieutenant Governor and honorary life member of Optimist International; honorary life member of Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers; charter member of Flowood Exchange Club; Advisory Board member for the Jackson branch of Hinds Community College; and member of the

YMCA Board of Directors. He also serves as alderman for the Town of Flowood, a position to which he was elected in 1989.

An active member of St. Marks United Methodist Church, Hogue volunteered in December, 1988 for a two-week church mission trip to Jamaica to help Hurricane Gilbert victims. He also co-lead, with his wife Sandra, in the 1988 creation of the "Happening," a statewide student-led spiritual retreat for teenagers in Mississippi.

Hogue, who attended East Central during the 1959-60 and 1960-61 school terms, credits the college with much of the success he has achieved.

"Several things stand out in importance to me as I think back to the East Central days," Hogue said, "with probably the most important being the personal attention that is given by everyone at the college."

Hogue said when he attended East Central instructors "really cared" about a student's success and some faculty members actually assumed a "counseling role" in leading individuals in the right direction.

"I well remember Mr. (Ovid) Vickers being a great influence on me and thanks to him I had a direction in which to aim in choosing a career."

"One day Mr. Vickers approached me and said, in a deep voice, 'Hogue, what are you going to do with your life?' Well, I had no response and Mr. Vickers said, 'Why don't you major in English?' I said okay so that's what I did," Hogue said.

Hogue also had words of praise for former English instructor Mrs. Alyne Simmons who was a "very warm and caring individual." He credits Mrs. Simmons with helping him make a "successful" transition from high school to college.

He is also grateful for the "discipline" that existed on the East Central campus, and remembers that only one night (Tuesdays) was designated as "date night."

"Although we did not especially like the discipline that was imposed, it was no doubt the best thing because some of us probably would have gotten out of control with too much freedom," Hogue said.

Under (then) President Arno Vincent, Hogue said not only was "loitering" not allowed but guys "could not even slow down" when walking past the girls' dorms!

At East Central Hogue was involved in various activities. He was a member of the drama club and won leading roles in the college productions of "Bus Stop" and "The Robe."

He was also sports editor of *The Tom Tom*, the campus newspaper; a student body officer, a Dean's List Scholar, and was elected a campus favorite.

After he graduated from East Central in 1961, Hogue attended Delta State University where he received a bachelors degree in English in 1963. He received a masters degree in Communication from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1969.

Hogue and his wife, the former Sandra Gilbreath of Jackson, have two children, Laura, 14, a freshman at Northwest Rankin; and Lisa, 12, a seventh grader at Northwest.

Hogue's family has been heavily

involved in East Central. His father, Coyt, taught auto mechanics for many years at East Central. His sister, Carolyn, was an outstanding student, and several of his first cousins also attended East Central.



WALLACE KEEN

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Automated Manufacturing Technology instructor Wallace Keen said he was simply "flabbergasted and shocked" after being named as the "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor" for 1990.

Keen, 60, is in his first year as instructor of the recently created Automated Manufacturing Technology program, which represents the second "new" program of study in which he has helped start and organize. Keen first came to East Central in 1983 and assisted in implementing the college's Electronics curriculum.

The Mendenhall native has an extensive background in his field, as he served 17½ years for the IBM Corporation before retiring as Senior Engineer Group Supervisor for the Philco Corporation from 1957-64.

At IBM, Keen worked almost 10 years on the automated design and manufacturing of components used for the Apollo Space Program. On three separate occasions IBM presented Keen with awards for "Outstanding Accomplishment."

Recognition of outstanding service also came from the U. S. Army Guided Missile School which twice honored Keen, who was rated in the upper 10 percent at all guided Missile School instructors.

Keen also received two awards from the Philco Corporation for "Outstanding Accomplishment."

While most people his age would normally be thinking about retirement plans, Keen feels he is just beginning his career as he works to populate and educate students in the Automated Manufacturing Technology program.

"I teach for one main reason: I want students to have the opportunity to develop their talents and benefit themselves and the businesses and industries located in the state. I especially emphasize to my students to stay in Mississippi," Keen said.

Keen, whose love for his work is evident by his enthusiasm and commitment to education, is constantly modifying and upgrading the equipment and curriculum in his

Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

program to meet the needs of modern technology.

"Automation is definitely the way to go to be competitive with foreign markets. Our goal is to make East Central a leading supplier of top-notch students in all technical fields by not only staying at the present level of technology but advancing past that level as well," he said.

In learning more about the new program of study, Keen has traveled extensively throughout the United States, visiting various colleges and industries and attending many workshops and seminars.

Keen is a graduate of the old Raymond Agricultural High School and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelors degree in science and education. He has also completed additional course work at Mississippi State University.

He is a member of Robotics International, Mississippi Community College Faculty Association, ECCC Faculty Club, Society of Manufacturing Engineers and Computer Association of America (CASA).

Keen and his wife, Nell, a retired English teacher, have one son, Dr. Wayne Keen, 28, a senior scientist for Semtec, Inc. in Huntsville, Ala.



RICHARD HARRIS

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Not only did Richard Harris enjoy a successful career playing basketball at Hickory, East Central and Delta State, but his career as a coach the past 30 years has been marked by many state and conference championships. And if past accomplishments are a successful indicator, then the new Newton County (formerly Decatur High) High School girls' basketball coach will obviously continue his winning tradition.

Harris, 58, was an All-State performer at Hickory High School before he began his college hoop career at East Central in 1950.

As an All-State guard at East Central during the 1950-51 and 1951-52 seasons, Harris said he felt "very fortunate" to have played for Coach Arno Vincent who used "a lot of psychology" and "that tone of voice" which "made you want to play!"

During his freshman season, Harris said the Warriors had won "about 13 straight" games until 10 of 15 team members were mobilized for military service in the National Guard. Harris said his

freshmen year the Warriors squad featured "a lot of good players."

Besides playing basketball, Harris also played third base and pitcher for the Diamond Warriors.

Following his East Central career, Harris signed a scholarship to attend Delta State where he also played basketball and baseball.

A two-year starter, Harris averaged about 13 points per game his junior year as the Statesmen recorded an 18-6 overall record. During his senior season, Harris averaged about 14 points per game as Delta State rolled to a 20-5 mark.

Harris continued his basketball playing career as part of his military service and was selected to the All Seventh Army Team in Europe in 1955-56.

Harris' outstanding coaching career began at St. Martin High School in 1957. In 1960 he came to Hickory High School where he remained until 1987. At both schools his team won 17 conference titles. Three of his Hickory squads (1963-64, 1964-65 and 1973-74) had even greater success by capturing state championships.

He retired in 1987 but came out of retirement to coach at Clarke College. After one season he left Clarke to become girls' basketball coach at Decatur High School for the 1989-1990 school year. The one year at Decatur was obviously a momentous season as the Lady Warriors rolled to a 30-4 overall mark and captured the State Class 2A Championship.

Overall, Harris has had 14 teams to compete in the State Championship tournament. His overall record (girls' and boys' teams combined) is 1230 wins and 465 losses.

His coaching accomplishments have not gone unnoticed as he was selected Mississippi Association of Coaches' "Coach of the Year" for 1985-86 and 12 times he was chosen "Conference Coach of the Year." he also served as girls' coach in the annual Mississippi Association of Coaches' All-Star game in 1965 and 1973. He served as Cherokee conference president during 1974-75. His teaching abilities have also been recognized as he was selected "Star Teacher" in 1980.

Harris said his coaching philosophy is basically pretty simple.

"I stress to my players to work hard and feel good about themselves but don't forget their teammates. We all win as a team and we all lose as a team and all we can do is our best. I also try not to get too upset at my players," Harris said.

The outstanding high school coach said the "highlight" of his coaching career has been winning the four state titles.

"I have really been blessed with a fine group of athletes over the years," he said. "I am also thankful to have had the opportunity to have played under a great high school coach Frank Hodges," Harris said.

Harris is married to the former Mary Jo Crawford of Decatur and they have two sons, Ricky and Phil; two grandsons, Dustin and Dylan; and two granddaughters, Amanda and Melissa.



SHERRELL RAY MARSHALL

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During His East Central playing days in the 1958-59 and 1959-60 basketball seasons, he was commonly referred to as the "Warrior Gunner."

And what a "gunner" he was. Marshall blistered the junior college backboards and became the league's second-leading scorer with a 24.6 per game average his sophomore season. During that 1959-60 season, Marshall, a 6' 3" forward, led the Warriors to the North Mississippi Division Championship. At East Central, he was coached by All-American Denver Brackeen.

Marshall's basketball skills were first developed at Philadelphia High School where he played for Coach Frank Hodges. Marshall received numerous honors at Philadelphia following the 1957-58 season, including all-state and all-district and he was selected on the Mississippi High School All-Star Team which he served as captain.

The biggest highlight of that 1957-58 season was Philadelphia's 75-74 comeback win over Coffeeville for the state championship. Going into the state championship battle, Philadelphia posted a 39-4 record while Coffeeville had notched 50 straight wins.

Marshall said he remembers his first day on the East Central campus and said the first person he met was Billy Frank Alford of Morton, and now of Forest, who later became not only his teammate but friend as well.

The "Warrior Gunner", said Coach Brackeen, "was always on our case" about "shooting too much and not getting enough rebounds."

Following his graduation from East Central, Marshall received a scholarship to Mississippi College where he continued his basketball career under Coach James "Stute" Allen.

At MC, Marshall, a two-year letterman, averaged 20.9 points per game and was the team's second leading scorer during both seasons.

He was selected team co-captain. In 1962 he was named to the Birmingham Mid-Winter Classic All Tournament Team, after having led Mississippi College to a victory in the same tournament.

After receiving his bachelors degree in education, Marshall then began his coaching and teaching career in Leakesville, where he was a head coach for the high school

boys' and girls' basketball teams of the Green County School System. He also taught history classes.

In 1965 he accepted the head basketball coaching position at Petal High School, coaching both boys' and girls' teams, and teaching social studies.

In 1970 he was selected to coach the Mississippi High School All-Star Team and in the same year he was chosen "Coach of the Year" in the DeSoto Conference.

Marshall is one of the few people to have played and later coached in a Mississippi High School All-Star game.

"I'm really proud of the fact that I was fortunate enough to play and coach in the All-Star game. It's an honor I will always cherish," Marshall said.

Marshall retired from coaching and teaching in 1970 and accepted a position as collection and recovery officer (assistant cashier) at First Mississippi National Bank in Hattiesburg.

Marshall left First Mississippi in 1976 and went into partnership with his wife, Mary, to form Automobile Recovery Bureau Inc. in Jackson and Biloxi.

"I really owe a lot to Paul McMullan (then chairman of the board at First Mississippi) for getting me started in the automobile recovery business," Marshall said, who also operates Mississippi Detectives out of Jackson.

Marshall's success in the automobile recovery business is well recognized as he was recently elected president of the National Finance Adjusters Inc. of Colorado Springs, Co., for 1990-91. The corporation is a trade association that sets guidelines for the recovery industry nationwide.

The Marshalls have two daughters, Pamela Marshall Leech of Mobile and Michelle Alderman Martin of Jackson; a son, Sherrell "Butch" Ray Marshall Jr. of Hattiesburg; and four grandchildren, Brittney Rae Martin, Curtis "Trey" Vaughn Martin III, John "Scooter" Harman Leech Jr. and Jordan Marshall Leech.



JEFF LOPER

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Jeff Loper is regarded as the only person in the college's history to have played a sport for five years. A member of the college's first basketball, football and baseball teams, Loper is also recognized for playing in more games than any

other East Central athlete. Excelling in all areas, he was most successful in basketball.

Loper, 82, began his athletic career at East Central at a time when the college was just beginning and the student body consisted of students enrolled not only in college but also in the Agricultural High School.

During the college's first session in 1928-29, the school was not a member of the state athletic association and competition included games with many senior colleges "and other schools that would play us," Loper said. Also during that first "outlaw" season, as it was called, none of the East Central athletes was eligible for post-season honors.

But during the next four years, recognition and various honors were bestowed upon Loper and the Warrior basketball team.

Loper, an All-State guard for four seasons, led East Central to the 1939-31 state championship. In recognition of his leadership and outstanding play during the title game, he was selected the tournament's most valuable player.

During the championship battle, the Decatur squad outscored Copiah-Lincoln 27-22 on the Wesson campus. For his many contributions which led to the Warrior victory, Loper was praised for his "excellent floor work" in an article which appeared in the Feb. 28, 1937 issue of the *Clarion-Ledger*. The Stratton name was also mentioned above the article with the words, "Loper Stars" included in the story's headlines.

Loper's Coach (Richard Baxter) and his teammates obviously held him in highest regard as he was selected team captain for each of the four seasons. Not only was Loper regarded an outstanding team leader, but he was also a leading pointmaker, having averaged about 20 points per game.

Loper said the sport of basketball has obviously changed a great deal over the past 10 years.

Besides the notable difference in size, speed and strength, Loper, who stood 5'11" and weighed about 170 pounds, handled "jump ball" responsibilities after each shot was made.

"Back then every time someone made a shot, we had to have a jump ball at center court and I was the designated jumper," Loper said.

Loper not only excelled in basketball but he also played baseball and football.

Baseball was first organized at East Central during the 1928-29 season and Loper was a first team starter for three years in the second base position.

Loper was also a member of the college's first football team which was organized in 1929. He played fullback and end on the Warrior squad for two seasons.

Following his athletic career, Loper enrolled at the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a bachelor of science degree. Loper did not participate in senior college athletics as he taught and coached during regular school terms and attended college at night and summer semesters.

His coaching and teaching career (See INDUCTEES, page 9)



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spanned almost 35 years, beginning in 1935.

He began his coaching career at Stratton and later directed athletic teams at Erin, Ringgold, Union, Pachuta, Decatur, Biloxi and Meridian.

Loper's greatest coaching success came at Decatur where he led the boys' basketball team to a 136-80 record during a seven-year period. His 1955 squad went to the state tournament but was defeated in a close game with Wheeler, the eventual state champion.

His football teams also competed for conference honors each season with many of his players later becoming standouts at East Central.

Along with his coaching duties Loper also served as principal or teacher during his 35-year career.

Loper's final years as coach and teacher were served at Kate Griffin Junior High School in Meridian where he was fondly referred to as "Coach Jeff." He spent 10 years at Kate Griffin where he led the "Baby Kitten" program until retiring in 1966.

Loper said he has spent most of his retirement years playing golf, and even today he can be seen as a regular on the Decatur course.

He is married to the former Lois Ray Faulk and they have a daughter, Mrs. Eddie Ray Weber who lives in California. Mrs. Loper and her daughter also attended East Central.



LOIS MCMULLAN

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Ever since she was a young child, Lois Foster McMullan has been "fascinated" with solving math problems and she credits her dedication as a mathematics instructor to her father, the late Ray Foster.

"My dad loved math and I really enjoyed working problems and puzzles with him. He encouraged me to become a math teacher even though there weren't too many girls who majored in mathematics at that time. I always liked the logic involved in working math problems," she said, "and, since I wanted to work with people, teaching mathematics seemed to be the perfect combination."

As East Central's "Outstanding Academic Instructor," Mrs. McMullan, a Union native, said she is "thrilled" to receive the honor.

"It is obviously a great honor to be chosen an outstanding instructor

and I am very proud of the recognition. But my greatest reward in teaching is seeing students succeed and do well in their chosen vocation. I also enjoy seeing former students who come back and visit," Mrs. McMullan said.

She added she continuously tries to improve her teaching and she is "always available" to provide assistance to all students.

Mrs. McMullan, who has 28 years teaching experience, began her career at Newton High School in 1962. After two years' service, she taught math at Decatur High School for six years before coming to East Central in 1970. At Decatur, she was twice named Star Teacher.

Receiving the outstanding academic instructor award during 1990 obviously has special meaning, as she was recognized for completing her 20th year on the community college campus in the spring of 1990.

Her classroom assignments include teaching algebra, trigonometry, differential equations, the real number system, and informal geometry and algebra. She serves as sponsor for Mu Alpha Theta, national honorary mathematics society.

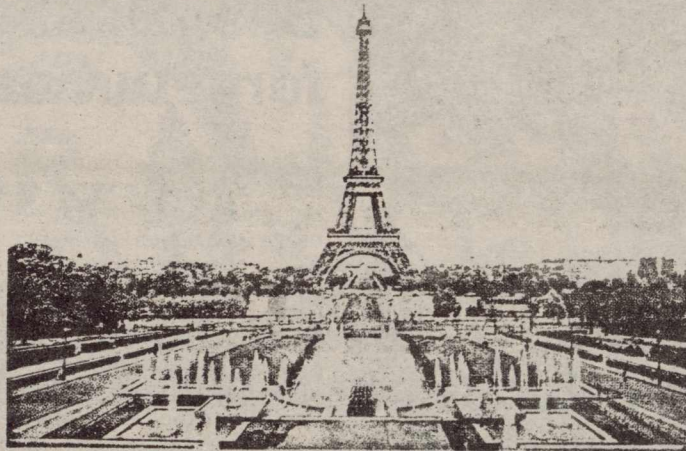
Mrs. McMullan is active in various organizations, including the Decatur Women's Progressive Club and Delta Kappa Gamma, serving

has president for each club. She has also served as president of the East Central Community College Faculty Club, as secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Faculty Association, and as East Central's representative to the Mississippi Association of Women in Higher Education. She is a member of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, where she has served as Sunday School teacher and G. A. leader.

The Union High School graduate attended East Central Community College and received a bachelors degree from Mississippi College. She obtained a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and she also has done post graduate work at USM and Mississippi State University.

While a student at East Central, Mrs. McMullan was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau. At MC, she was active in Alpha Chi and Kappa Delta Pi.

Mrs. McMullan's husband, Raymond, serves as East Central's Director of Admissions, Records and Research. They have a son, Mike, who is married and is a senior medical student at the University Medical Center; and a daughter, Sherri McMullan Russell, a mathematics teacher at Northwest Rankin High School.



The Eiffel Tower in Paris, one of many sites which are planned to be visited during an educational tour of London, Paris and Madrid scheduled this summer. For further information contact Dr. Shelby Harris or Mrs. Carol Vickers.

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Have you ever thought of going to London, Paris or Madrid and turned it off as something that would never happen to you in your entire lifetime? It could become a reality during the summer of 1991.

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You will board a night express train to sunny Spain and see the Plaza de Espana, the 18th century royal palace, tranquil El Retiro park and the Prado Museum. In Toledo, an ancient walled city built on a granite outcrop, you will see El Transito Synagogue, the house of the painter El Greco and the massive Gothic cathedral.

If these are sights that you have always dreamed of seeing, make those dreams come true. See Dr. Harris or Mrs. Vickers for details and sign up today.

Additional parking areas planned for ECCC campus

By: BRETT TUCKER

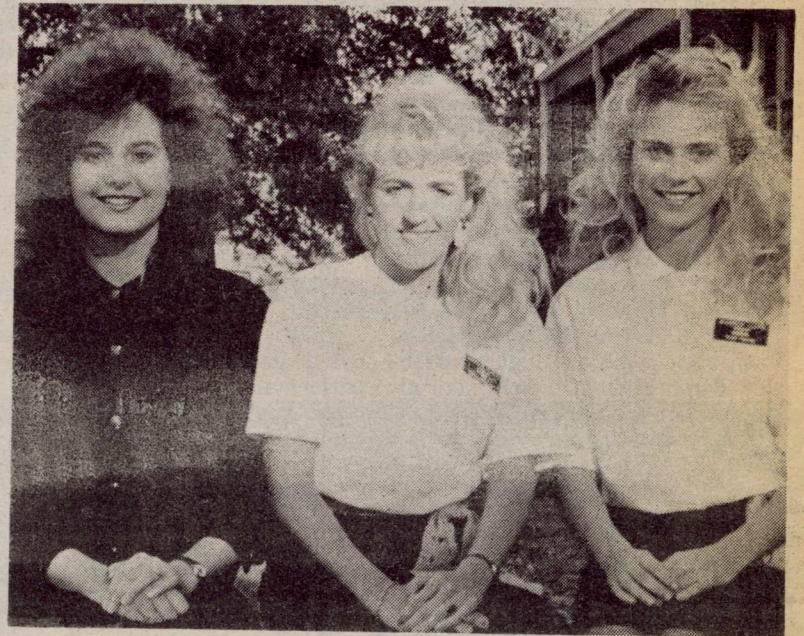
A major problem at East Central is finding enough places for all the students to park. As a result of the continuing problems with the unauthorized use of parking places, EC has begun issuing parking tickets. The responsibility of writing these tickets belongs to Michael Mouton, who is here as a part of a work-study program.

The parking tickets cost offenders five dollars, and if they are not paid within five days, they go up to 10 dollars. Tickets for moving violations may also be issued, costing the guilty party 10 dollars.

During a recent interview, Dr. Sutphin stated that in order to help curb problems with parking, East Cen-

tral plans to complete a parking facility behind Winston Hall this year and to construct a parking lot behind Newsome Hall next year. The area in front of Newsome Hall is currently the biggest parking problem according to Dr. Sutphin. He stated that part of the problem would be eased if commuters would use some of the parking places that are a little further out from the dorms. Another suggestion is for dormitory students to park their cars and leave them unless they plan on going off campus.

With the construction of these new facilities and the cooperation of the students, faculty and staff, a great deal of the parking problems at East Central can be eliminated.



Warrior Corps officers

Officers for the East Central Community College Warrior Corps include, from left, Amy Alford of Philadelphia, secretary-treasurer; Bethany Brantley, president, and Kristi Patrick, vice president, both of Carthage. The Warrior Corps is a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various events and activities on the Decatur campus. Academic counselor Gregg Jefcoat serves as sponsor.

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SPORTS

East Central falls to Hinds

East Central jumped out to a 6-0 first quarter lead but could not maintain its scoring edge as Hinds Community College rallied for a 28-12 Homecoming victory Saturday night on the Raymond campus.

The Warriors, now 2-4 overall and 1-2 in South Division action, will try to snap a two-game losing streak this Saturday when the Pearl River Community College Wildcats (5-1, 2-1) come to the Decatur campus for a 2:30 p. m. Homecoming battle.

A 26 yard scoring strike from quarterback Lamont Byrd to receiver Kendrick Coleman with 7:49 left in the initial period gave the Warriors an early advantage. Pete Porter's PAT attempt was wide left. The 58 yard scoring drive was set up by a Hinds' fumble which was recovered by Warrior Russell Meeks on the Eagle 42.

East Central had earlier missed an excellent scoring opportunity when Hinds fumbled the opening kickoff which was pounced on by Warrior Markeye Holmes on the Eagle 26. However EC was unable to score any points as a high snap foiled Porter's 42 yard field goal attempt and resulted in holder Kendrick Coleman throwing an incomplete pass on fourth down.

Hinds, now 5-1 overall and 3-0 in division play, took the lead for good when quarterback Troy Nelson found paydirt on a three yard run with 10:18 left before halftime. Charley McGinn booted the PAT which gave the Eagles a 7-6 margin.

The key play of the 63 yard scoring march, which was set up by a Warrior fumble, was a 40 yard completion from Nelson to wide receiver Albert Sweet which gave the Eagles possession on the East Central 20 yard line.

Hinds maintained its one point lead at halftime.

Eagle running back Efferin Macon extended his team's lead early in the third period when he race 55 yards to paydirt. McGinn again added the PAT.

The 55 yard scoring drive was set by Eagle James Gayden who intercepted Byrd's aerial at the Hinds 10 yard line and returned the pigskin to the Eagle 45.

Hinds led 14-6 after three periods.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Hinds added a third touchdown when quarterback Vincent Lee tailed on a three yard blast followed by McGinn's PAT.

The Hinds drive covered just three yards and was set up by a Warrior fumble late in the third period. The Warrior defense had previously held the Eagles from scoring on a tremendous goal line stand.

East Central later narrowed the scoring gap to 21-12 when Byrd and Coleman combined on an 8 yard pass play with 3:20 left in the game. The two point conversion was not successful.

The Warrior scoring drive covered 63 yards.

Following the EC touchdown, the Warriors tried an onside kick which

the Eagles recovered on the EC 46. On the first play from scrimmage, Hinds fullback Shun White found an opening in the Warrior defense and raced 46 yards to paydirt. After McGinn's PAT, Hinds held a commanding 16 point lead with just over three minutes remaining. EC was unable to score any additional points as Hinds held on and claimed the division victory.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

In the first quarter EC led Hinds 6-0. In the second, EC failed to score and the Eagles scored seven points. In the third quarter, the Eagles again scored seven points and EC zero. EC rallied in the fourth to score six points, but Hinds overpowered them with 14. The total score for all four quarters was Hinds, 28-EC, 12.

STATISTICS

East Central had 14 first downs; Hinds collected 10.

The Warriors had 166 yards rushing and 157 passing for 323 total yards.

Hinds rushed for 220 yards and has 117 passing for a total offensive performance of 337 yards.

Sammie Holifield led EC rushers with 74 yards on 12 carries. Anthony Walker rushed 13 times for 67 yards.

Lamont Byrd completed 14 of 29

passes for 117 yards and two touchdowns. Byrd also suffered three interceptions.

Kendrick Coleman led Warrior receivers with three catches for 64 yards and two touchdowns. Tony Kidd grabbed three aerials for 28 yards.

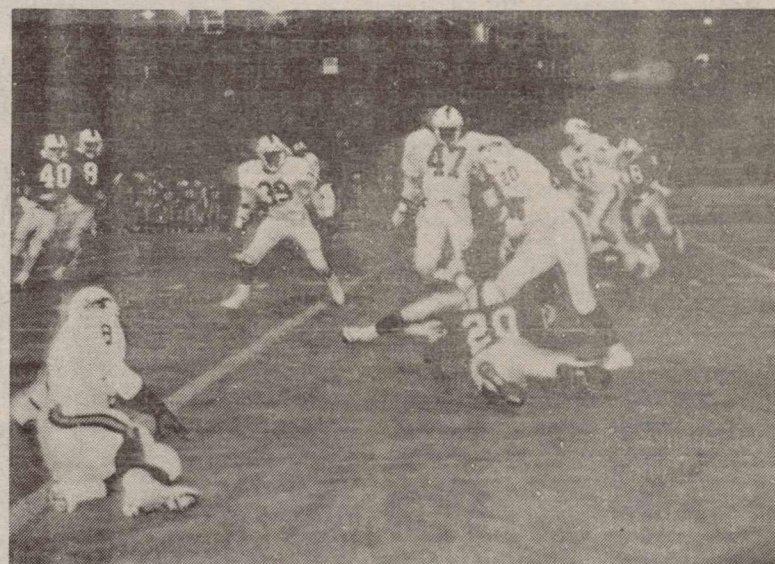
EC lost two of four fumbles while Hinds lost all three of its miscues.

Byrd punted times for a 38.5 yard average.

The Warriors were penalized eight times for 80 yards with Hinds being assessed 11 times for 110 yards.

Defensively, Tim Jackson led the Warriors' attack with seven tackles and one assist. He is also credited with two quarterback sacks.

Other top EC defenders were Wyatt Williams, 7 & 1 and a quarterback sack; Dee Dee Moore, 5 & 1 and two quarterback sacks; Ben Williams, three quarterback sacks; Dewey Lee and Dynassus Buggs, quarterback sack each; and Jimmy Brown, Markeye Holmes and Russell Meeks, each with a fumble recovery.



Fights for yardage

Running back-return specialist Willie McClelland (20) tries to weave through Holmes Community College defenders during the Warriors' recent 20-14 loss to the home-standing Bulldogs. Other East Central players include Sammie Holifield (8), Russel Meeks (39), Wyatt Williams (47) and Wesley Barrett (87).

Basketball outlook is good for returnees and freshmen

East Central Community College's basketball program is entering into its second year under head coach Jay Bowen. In his first year ECCC compiled more wins than it had in recent years and was competitive in every game with a predominately freshman team. The enthusiasm is high among the players and the community of East Central for the 1990-91 season. The

Warriors promise to play an aggressive and exciting brand of basketball.

The 1990-91 Warriors return eight players from the 89-90 squad who at one time started and played a great deal for East Central. Heading the group are honorable mention All-State players Michael James (Gary, Ind.), Tyrone Stowers (Forest) and

Cheerleaders raise spirit for new season

By MICHALLE EVERETT

More people think cheerleaders simply jump around and yell. However, if you ask any EC cheerleader, he or she will tell you it's a lot of work.

The EC cheerleaders began their new year on March 29, when tryouts were held.

Those selected to cheer at football games were: Bethany Brantley, Leake Academy; Ginger Buckley, Enterprise; Wendy Ellis, Carthage; Michalle Everett, Hickory; Amy Fussell, Louisville; David LeBlanc, Forest; Michelle Mitchell, Morton; Ocean Moore, Neshoba Central; Charlie Moorehead, Forest; Kristi Patrick, Leake Academy; Kimberly Shirley, Forest; Matt Strum, Leake Academy; and Steve Tucker, Carthage.

Pam Pruitt of Newton serves as the "Warrior Chief" mascot. Miss Melissa Lewis, an instructor in the Child Care Supervision Technology program, serves as sponsor.

Practice sessions were held throughout the summer. The EC squad hosted an Elite Cheerleading Camp held on campus July 30 through Aug. 2. Classes were taught in cheers, chants, dance routines, partner stunts and pyramids.

The cheerleaders hope to get better participation at pep rallies and ballgames by incorporating spirit races, a cheerleader auction, and other contests for the best season ever!



Warrior Chief

Pamela Pruitt is serving as Warrior Chief during the 1990 football season. Pruitt is a freshman from Newton.



East Central Community College 1990-91 Basketball Schedule

Nov. 5	East Mississippi	Decatur
Nov. 7	Miss. Delta	Decatur
Nov. 9	East Central Tournament	Decatur
Nov. 10	East Central Tournament	Decatur
Nov. 13	East Mississippi	Scooba
Nov. 19	Northeast Miss. Tournament (Men only)	Booneville
Nov. 20	Northeast Miss. Tournament (6 p. m.)	Booneville
Nov. 28	Rhodes College	Horn Lake
Dec. 1	Christian Bro. College (Men, 3 p. m.)	Southaven
Dec. 3	*Miss. Gulf Coast	Perkinson
Dec. 6	*Jones	Decatur
Dec. 10	Miss. Delta	Moorehead
Jan. 4	Jones Tournament (2 p. m.)	Ellisville
Jan. 5	Jones Tournament (2 p. m.)	Ellisville
Jan. 10	*Copiah Lincoln	Decatur
Jan. 14	*Southwest	Summit
Jan. 17	*Pearl River	Decatur
Jan. 21	*Hinds	Utica
Jan. 24	*Miss. Gulf Coast	Decatur
Jan. 28	*Jones	Ellisville
Jan. 31	Rhodes College (Men only, 7 p. m.)	Decatur
Feb. 4	*Copiah Lincoln	Wesson
Feb. 7	*Southwest	Decatur
Feb. 11	*Pearl River	Poplarville
Feb. 14	*Hinds	Decatur
Feb. 18-21	South Division Tournament	Poplarville
Feb. 25-26	State Tournament	TBA
March 4-7	Region XXIII Tournament	TBA

All games are DOUBLEHEADERS.

All games are at 6 p. m. (Women) and 7:45 p. m. (Men).

Women's Coach - Sammy Pace

Men's Coach - Jay Bowen

*Conference games

★ Basketball

Terry Thames (Little Rock). Other returnees include Lonnie Anderson (Lake), Tyrone Bender (Louisville), Charlie Donnerson (Gosnell, Ark.), Kevin Kennedy (Walnut Grove) and Eric Mays (Gosnell, Ark.).

A good recruiting class comes to

L.I.F.E. Tips

By JEFF HITT

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Many ordinary items found around your house can be used in different ways to make life better, or possibly, a little easier. Some of these ideas can help you to contribute to the fight against the destruction of our environment.

1. Use the hollow cardboard tube from a towel roll that has been completely used to store plastic bags from the grocery store or the dime store. Each time you need a bag, just pull one out of the tube.

2. Use plastic grocery bags instead of small garbage can bags in places such as your bedroom or bathroom.

3. Take a gallon milk jug and cut it in half, leaving a top and bottom portion. Use the upper part with the handle and the top on it as a scoop for dry dog food or for a child to play with. Use the bottom as a mini-garden for small plants or flowers. Be sure to punch a few drainholes in the bottom of the container.

East Central to join an experienced sophomore class. Heading the class is Tony Bailey, a 6'5" guard from Villa Rica, Ga. Other top signees include 6'6" forward Vandy Hopson, Philadelphia; Mark Stribling, a 6'1" guard from Philadelphia; and Luther Riley, a 5'11" guard from Walnut Grove.

Other signees include a 5'10" guard, Willie Jacobs from Ocala, Fla.; Marvin Nash, a 6'3" guard from Carthage; and J. P. Viverette, a 6'6" forward from Sebastopol.

Bowen, with his style of aggressive man to man defense, hopes

his team will be competitive against a very competitive schedule. The schedule will include, of course, tough home and away games against the Southern Conference of the Mississippi Junior College Association. East Central's non-conference schedule includes tournaments at Northeast Mississippi, Jones, plus a tournament hosted by ECCC. Home and away dates with East Mississippi, Mississippi Delta and Rhodes College (Tenn.) plus an away game with Christian Brother's College (Tenn.) round out a very tough schedule.



ECCC student officers

Student Body Association officers for 1990-91 are, from left, Chris Little of Philadelphia, president; Michelle Mitchell of Morton, vice president; Michaelle Everett of Hickory, secretary; and Pamela Gilmer of Philadelphia, treasurer.

Bayne selected metal fabrication instructor

James Walter Bayne Sr. of Kosciusko has been selected metal fabrication technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

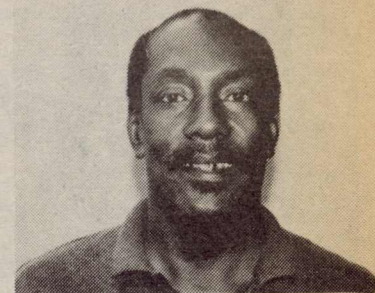
Bayne, 46, previously served as sheet metal instructor at the Kosciusko Skills Center for Holmes Community College in Kosciusko.

Prior to his employment at Holmes, where he served since 1981, Bayne was a sheet metal worker for S. L. Bailey Corporation, a set-up man and group leader at Sheller Globe Corporation, mechanical insulator and sheet metal layout man at Ivey's Inc., and machine operator and setup man for Superior Coach Corporation, all located in Kosciusko.

Bayne is active in community affairs and served as a Kosciusko alderman, a post he held for two terms. As an alderman, his main area of responsibility concerned the city police force and fire department, which he assisted by serving as police and fire commissioner.

He is also involved in youth activities and twice received the "Image Award for Youth" which is given to those who "project a good image" for young people.

An avid sports fan, he has coached semi-pro baseball for several years.



JAMES WALTER BAYNE

He is a member of Cox Lodge #15 of the Masonic Order and Jackson Street Baptist Church in Kosciusko where he serves as Chairman of the Deacons and Inspirational Choir member.

Bayne also serves as a member of the Governor's Council on Economic Development.

He is a graduate of the old Tipton Street High School in Kosciusko. He has attended Jackson State University, Milwaukee Institute of Technology and Mississippi Valley State University.

Bayne and his wife, the former Alice Patterson, also of Kosciusko, have four adult children: Cheryl, Gwendolyn, Paul and James Jr.

He is the son of Ethel and John Bayne who are retired and live in Kosciusko.



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Scholarship recipient

East Central Community College sophomore John Lee Sanders of Carthage was recently presented a Mississippi Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Scholarship for the 1990-91 academic school year. Sanders, a graduate of Leake Academy, received the \$250 per semester award from C. G. Deaton, MRRC president. The corporation, located in Jackson, assists family farmers and young people in obtaining their educational goals. Sanders was recommended for the scholarship by East Central academic counselor Gregg Jefcoat.

Improvements being made on campus

By KRYSTI PATRICK

With each new school year come improvements and changes. Several projects to improve instruction, student housing and campus life have already been completed and other improvements will be made in the near future.

The State Legislature appropriated approximately \$338,000 for the school's improvement. This money will be used for much needed building renovation projects and also to remove certain existing barriers in order to make the campus and all buildings more accessible to the handicapped.

The renovation of the ground floor section of Winston Hall, which will accommodate 48 men and a housing supervisor, is nearing completion. A new parking facility adjacent to Winston Hall has recently been completed. Hopefully this will solve "some" of the parking problems.

Also on campus the campaign to renovate Huff Auditorium is continuing. Approximately half the funds necessary to install air conditioning in this facility have been contributed by alumni and friends of the college.

With all the loyal dedication of the faculty, alumni and the student body, East Central Community College will become an even greater institution that it has ever been.



Homecoming 1990

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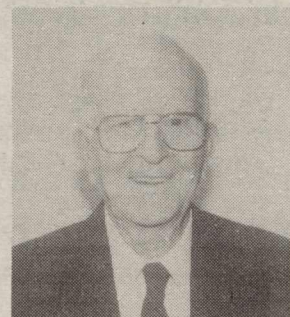
Lois McMullan (Decatur)



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Athletic Hall
of
Fame Inductees



Jeff Loper (Decatur)



Richard Harris (Hickory)



Sherrell Ray Marshall
(Jackson)

Schedule of Events October 13, 1990

- 8:30 a.m. Golf Tournament
9:00 a.m. Registration of Guests Begins,
Sullivan Center
10:00 a.m. Reunion Groups Meet
1. 1940 National Guard Company,
Fine Arts 503
 2. 1975-76 ECJC Women's State Championship
Basketball Team,
Home Economics Department
 3. 1958 and 1959 ECJC Football Teams,
Newton Hall
 4. All Classes Ending in "0"
Class of 1930 Diamond Anniversary Reunion
Class of 1940 Golden Anniversary Reunion,
Fine Arts Auditorium
Class of 1950, Library Lounge
Class of 1960, Library Reading Area
Class of 1970, Newton Hall 105
Class of 1980, Newton Hall 90
Class of 1990, Newton Hall 92
- 11:00 a.m. The Warrior Club
All Former Athletes and Current Supporters of
Athletics at East Central,
Brackeen - Wood Physical Education Building
- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon for Head Table Guests
12:00 noon Alumni Luncheon, Mabry Cafeteria
2:30 p.m. Football Game, Warrior Stadium
ECCC Warriors
vs
Pearl River Community College Wildcats
Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court
and Distinguished Alumni
After Game Reception, Mabry Cafeteria
Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni and
Friends are Invited

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ECCC announces honorees for annual HEADWAE Program

Dr. Richard C. Ethridge, Chairman of the Division of Social Science, Business Administration and Education and sophomore Karla Munn at East Central Community College in Decatur have been selected the college's representatives for the annual HEADWAE program and will be honored by the Mississippi Legislature during the 1991 session.

The special observance, known as Higher Education Appreciation Day—Working for Academic Excellence, was initiated in 1988 to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

Dr. Ethridge, who also teaches honors and basic social science courses, and Munn, a President's List Scholar majoring in elementary education, are among approximately 80 outstanding faculty and student members from the state's universities, colleges, community and junior colleges and proprietary institutions who will be recognized during a legislative luncheon scheduled for Feb. 19, 1991. In addition to this recognition, a booklet will be published featuring photographs and biographical sketches of each honoree.

A member of the East Central faculty for 30 years, Dr. Ethridge has received numerous honors for his

dedication and expertise in the classroom. He was elected Outstanding Teacher by a vote of the student body in 1964 and was chosen Outstanding Academic Instructor in 1988 by the East Central Alumni Association.

He has also taught graduate level courses for the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University at branch locations in Meridian.

His scholarly works have been published by the Mississippi College and University Press and LSU Press. He has also had several articles published in various journals, magazines and newspapers.

Dr. Ethridge is a member of numerous professional societies and organizations including Eta Sigma Pi (classical language), Pi Gamma Mu (social science), Phi Alpha Theta (history) and Phi Kappa Phi (scholarship). He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Historical Society.

He has been listed in *Outstanding Young Men of America*, *Outstanding Educators of America*, *Personalities of the South* and *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

A native of Meridian, Dr. Ethridge attended Clarke Memorial College and received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College. He did graduate work at the University of

Southern Mississippi and earned Master's and PhD degrees from Mississippi State University. His fields of study included history, political science, language and Bible.

He is married to Virginia Marble Ethridge and they have three daughters and five grandchildren.

Munn, a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, has been a leader in the classroom and in extracurricular activities during her two years at East Central.

She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a national scholastic organization for community/junior college students, Student Education Association and LIFE, a recently organized environmental club.

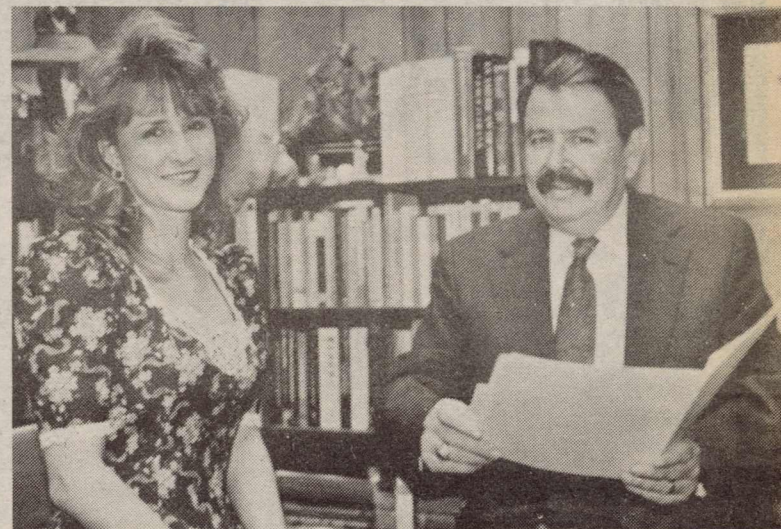
She was the recipient of the Kappa Kappa Iota Education Society's Scholarship Award presented during the 1990 Awards Day activities last spring.

She has served two years as feature twirler for the East Central Marching Band.

Munn was recently elected without opposition as treasurer of the sophomore class.

She is a member of Oakland Baptist Church.

The daughter of Derwood and Sherry Munn, she plans to continued her education at the University of Southern Mississippi.



Selected for program

East Central sophomore Karla Munn of Decatur and social science instructor Dr. Richard C. Ethridge, who have been selected the college's representatives for the annual HEADWAE Program. They will join other outstanding college students and instructors who will be recognized by the Mississippi Legislature in February 1991. HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day—Working for Academic Excellence) was initiated in 1988 to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

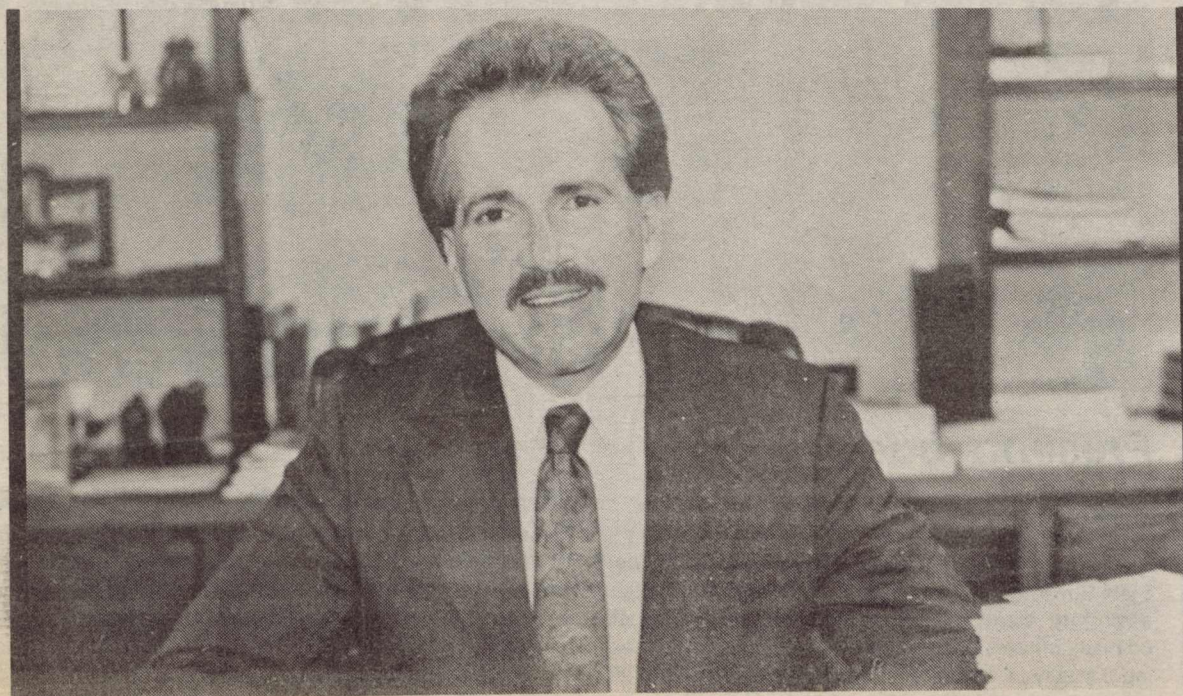
Dr. Smith selected to Who's Who

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president of East Central Community College in Decatur, has been chosen for induction into the Who's Who in Mississippi Hall of Fame, announced Chuck Lambert, chairman of the Advisory Board for Who's Who in Mississippi.

Lambert said Dr. Smith is one of 35 outstanding Mississippians selected for the Hall of Fame which consists of the top five honorees representing the fields of arts, business and industry, education, law, medicine, public service/politics and religion.

The Advisory Board Chairman said honorees are selected annually based on the degree and significance of their personal contribution to making Mississippi "such a wonderful place to live, work and play."

Particular significance is placed on the candidates' personal activities and contribution outside their own personal profession or field of endeavor.



Dr. Eddie M. Smith



Plan fall concert

Hits by such popular artists as Bon Jovi, Garth Brooks, Janet Jackson and many others will be performed by The Collegians of East Central Community College during the group's upcoming fall concert. The performance of the "Top 40" vocal-instrumental pop group is scheduled for 8 p. m. Monday, Nov. 19, 1990 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. There is no charge for admission. The group includes (on top, right from left) wind section members Scott Lewis, Philadelphia Vincent Brown and David Shaw, both of Meridian; Sid McNeil, Decatur; rhythm section members Sean Macke, Clinton; Scott Walker and Mark Branning, both of Philadelphia; Tina Davis, Newton; vocalists Duane Till, Pelahatchie; Shannon McNeil, Philadelphia; Dawn Bradford, Forest; Keith Johnson, Hickory; Lisa Thompson and Ardy Reed, both of Louisville; Patty Sims, Philadelphia; and technicians (from left) Michael Duke, Philadelphia; Brent Fountain, Natchez, Eddie Davenport, Meridian; Brent Warren, Morton; Chris Edwards and Andy Hardy, both of Philadelphia. Not pictured is guitarist Thomas W. Carson who serves as the group's director.



ECCC sophomore officers

Sophomore class officers recently elected for the 1990-91 college term include, from left, Gay Chamblee of Philadelphia, secretary; Brian Cooper of Decatur, president; and Karla Munn, also of Decatur, treasurer. Not pictured is Brett Tucker of Carthage, vice president.

Non-traditional student enrollment expected to increase

By TY JANKOWSKI

Mr. Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education at East Central, has reported the 1990 fall semester enrollment of 472 non-traditional students. This group, comprising 34.5% of the total EC student body, consists of adults who have been out of school for a signifi-

cant number of years. They are generally 23 years of age or older. They return to school usually because of increased job requirements.

According to Mr. Davis, it has been estimated that the adult population entering college is seeing a steady upward trend. High school student enrollment is decreasing, but should begin to rise again in four years. By the year 2000, 60% of the students enrolled in college will be the age of 25 or older. This is because 75% of the current workforce will

need significant retraining in the next decade. Also, over half of the new jobs in the future will require at least some post-secondary education.

East Central is teaching the largest amount of evening classes this semester in the history of the college. The classes are being taught at six different locations: Philadelphia Vo-Tech Center, Choctaw Reservation, Louisville Vo-Tech, Forest Vo-Tech, Carthage High School and on the EC campus.

Bookstore receives many new items

By SHANE SULLIVAN

The ECCC bookstore is receiving many new items. They include ECCC shirts, fleece shorts, and reversible shorts, which are white on one side with an Indian head and the East Central logo on the other side. They are also receiving boxer shorts with an Indian head and the East Central logo.

Starting in the spring the bookstore will have short sleeve shirts, black walking shorts, turtle necks, caps, and children's clothes that include sweat shirts with ABC blocks on the front and the East Central logo.

As students and faculty prepare for the cold, rainy months, the bookstore has rain ponchos, umbrellas and garment bags.

To inquire about the prices of any of these items, ask Mrs. Kilparick in the bookstore for details.



Is that really my blood?

Freshman Brett Tucker of Carthage seems a little in awe while watching his blood being taken during a recent blood drive held on campus. The drive, sponsored by VICA and conducted by United Blood Services of Meridian, netted 119 pints of blood, according to college officials. (Photo by Del Crocker)



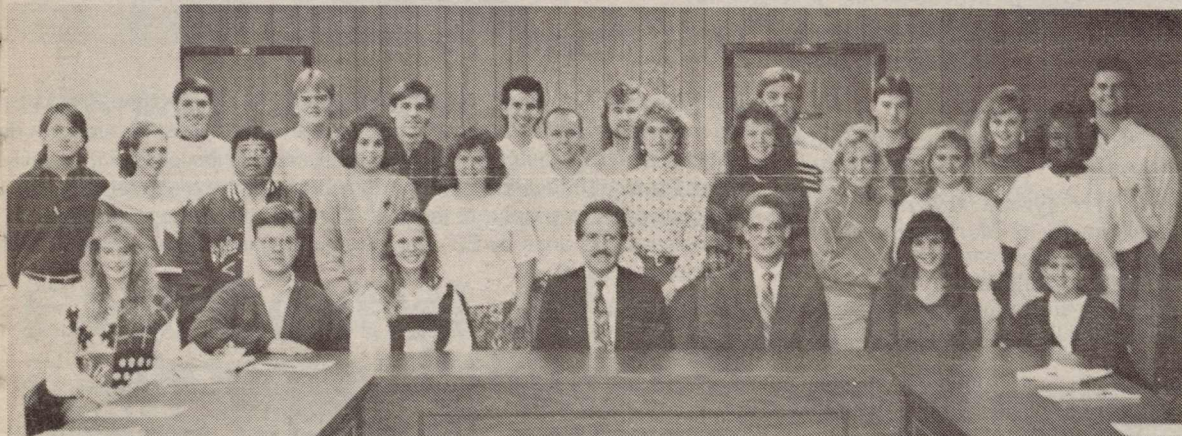
Presents book

A copy of a new book, *Mississippi's Defiant Years, 1953-1973*, is shown being presented by author Erle Johnston of Forest to Mrs. Ann Burkes, head librarian, where it will be made available in the Mississippi Room of Burton Library. Johnston, retired publisher and former owner of *The Scott County Times* and former director of the old Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission, chronicles the struggle by determined white Mississippians—in the public and private sector—to retain their segregated traditions in schools and other institutions, and the campaign by equally determined black Mississippians, with the help of liberal whites, to overturn a society of restrictive laws and customs in attaining equality in voting, employment and access to all public utilities. Books are now available in Jackson at \$24.95 plus sale tax of \$1.50. For mail orders, send checks or money orders for \$27.95 (includes \$2.50 for shipping and handling) to Lake Harbor Publishers, P. O. Box 828, Forest, MS 39074.



Mitchell crowned ECCC queen

Homecoming Queen Michell Mitchell of Morton is shown being crowned by East Central President Dr. Eddie M. Smith during halftime ceremonies of the East Central-Pearl River football game held Oct. 13, 1990. Standing next to Miss Mitchell is her escort, freshmen Scott Sumerall, also of Morton. At right is East Central Board of Trustees Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville. Mitchell, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mitchell. Sumerall's parents are Debbie and James Sumerall.



President's Council

Members of the college's President's Council for 1990-91 school term and the campus organizations represented include, seated, from left, Lynda Kelly of Carthage, Jackson Hall; vice president Jeff Hitt of Union, LIFE; president Sandra Collins, also of Union, Phi Theta Kappa; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of students; secretary Gayle Goodwin of Carthage, Baptist Student Union; Amy Cumberland of Philadelphia, Diamond Girls; second row, from left Steve Tucker of Carthage, Students in Free Enterprise; Bethany Jinkerson of Union, Concert Choir; Glen Bell of Philadelphia, native Americans Organization; Dawn Alexander of Little Rock, Students Against Drunk Driving; Debra Shoemaker of Decatur, Band; Tam Cooper, also of Decatur, Students in Education Association; Bethany Brantley of Carthage, Warrior Corps; Kristi Patrick, also of Carthage, Football Cheerleaders; Barbara Haynes of Louisville, Gospel Choir; back row, from left, Jay Kerr of Newton, Phi Beta Lambda; Mark Shaw of Meridian, VICA; Jim Holder of Union, *The Tom Tom*; Brent Fountain of Natchez, ECCC Players; Mark Branning of Philadelphia, The Collegians; Ab Germany of Decatur, *Wo-He-Lo*; Dewayne McNair of Philadelphia, Alpha Alpha Epsilon; Michalle Everett of Hickory, Student Body Association, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and Fashion Squad; and Brian Cooper of Decatur, Sophomore Class. The purpose of the organization is to establish better communications between the student organizations on campus and the president's office.

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'New Directions' announces officers

By SHANE SULLIVAN

There is a group on campus this year called New Directions. It is for non-traditional students and married people with children who are commuting to and from school.

The group meets during lunch and free periods to study or talk about problems. They are currently trying to get a lounge for commuting students so that they may have a place to relax between classes.

The group recently elected officers that include Debra Shoemaker, president; Patsy Bryan, vice-president; Diane Marler, secretary; and Gail Kennedy, treasurer.

Students who are interested in joining New Directions should see Mrs. Vickers.

Ventriloquist to perform at ECCC on Nov. 15

Dennis Lee, a multi-talented ventriloquist from Dallas, Texas, is once again bringing his award-winning act to the campus of East Central Community College in Decatur.

His highly entertaining program, which has captivated audiences from coast to coast, will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 in Huff auditorium.

His performance is being sponsored by Baptist Student Unions at East Central Community College and Clarke College in Newton.

Lee captured top honors at the 12th annual International Ventriloquist Convention in Ft. Mitchell, Ky., where he also won the "originality award" for the most unique performance.

He is currently performing anti-drug programs in conjunction with Express Industries in the Texas school systems.

His corporate performances include companies like AT&T,

Xerox, and the Tammel Crow Corporation. He has also performed for the Texas Department of Human Services, American Cancer Society and churches and schools throughout the Southwest, Hawaii and Brazil.

Lee was a guest entertainer at the "Mississippi Baptist Youth Night" held during 1989 at the Jackson Coliseum.

He has been featured on numerous cable television programs and on ABC's World News Tonight.

Lee previously entertained on the Decatur campus in February 1989.

Tickets for the Dennis Lee and "Friends" performance are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door. The program is free for any college student with a current ID.

To reserve tickets contact Baptist Student Union members at East Central Community College (Phone 635-2481 or Clarke College (Phone 683-2061.)

Super selections found at library

Many interesting and informative books are available at the Burton Library on the EC campus. Burton Library currently has in its holdings the following recent or current best sellers:

Captain Sir Richard Francis Burton by Edward Rice.

Hollywood: A Novel of America in the 1920's by Gore Vidal.

Always and Forever by Cynthia Freeman.

Surviving the Great Depression of 1990: Protect our assets and investments and come out on top by Dr. Ravi Batra.

Burton Library also has in its holdings new books for various interests. These include:

The Black Candle by Catherine Cookson.

Beyond the Fall of Night by Arthur C. Clarke and Gregory Benford.

Abortion: The Clash of Absolutes by Laurence H. Tribe.

Artemia by Pamela Hill.

Lyndon Johnson's War: The Road to stalemate in Vietnam by Larry Berman.

Vietnam by Larry Berman.

The libraries would also encourage students to come by and see the display on "armchair" travel at the library.

"We encourage students to come by and see what is available here. If he or she does not find what they need, just ask one of the librarians, who will gladly assist you," said Ann Burkes. EC librarians for the Burton Library are Ann Burkes, Gloria Johnson and Gail Wood.

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SPORTS

ECCC basketball teams post 7-1 mark during first week

East Central Community College basketball teams are off to a fast start for the 1990-91 campaign as the Lady Warriors went 4-0 and the East Central men registered a 3-1 slate during the first week of action.

In the annual ECCC Classic held Nov. 9-10 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, Sammy Pace's women outscored Gulf Coast 90-77 Saturday night and held off Jackson State (Tennessee) by an 84-69 margin in Friday night action.

Carolyn Boatman, a sophomore forward from Carthage, led all scorers against the Lady Bulldogs as she pumped in a career-high 49 points.

Also scoring were Paula Nash, 15; Shea Oakley and Beverly Ware, eight each; Shontel Lowe, six; Apryl Hendon and Gloria Clay, two each.

East Central led 41-39 at halftime.

In the other women's matchup, East Mississippi downed Jackson State (Tennessee) 76-64.

Lady Warrior Paula Nash was the team's top scorer against Jackson State (Tennessee) with 24 points.

Other scorers were Boatman, 19; Jackie Gladney, 17; Lowe, 12; Oakley, four; Clay, three; Brooke Smith and Misty Wright, two each; and Hendon, one.

East Central led 36-27 at halftime.

In the other women's game on Friday, East Mississippi outscored Gulf Coast 70-48.

The Warriors' bid to continue their perfect record fell a few points shy for Coach Jay Bowen as nationally ranked Faulkner State (Alabama) held on for an 87-82 victory on Saturday night.

Tony Bailey, a freshman from Villa Rica, Ga. led the East Central attack with 24 points.

Other pointmakers were Tyrone Stowers, 22; Kevin Kennedy, 12; Mark Stribling, nine; Michael James, seven; Eric Mays, five; Charlie Donnerson, two; and Terry Thames, one.

Faulker led 48-44 at halftime.

In other men's action on Saturday, East Mississippi edged Jackson State (Tennessee) 62-60.

Sophomore forward Charlie Donnerson of Gosnell, Ark. tallied 18 points and led the Warriors to a 95-64 win during Friday night action against Jackson State (Tennessee).

Also scoring were J. P. Viverette, 15; Tyron Bender, 12; Bailey, 11; Thames, eight; Stowers, seven; Vandy Hopson and Kennedy, six each; Mays and Stribling, three each; Luther Riley and Marvin Nash, two each.

East Central led 38-30 at halftime.

In the other men's game on Friday, Faulkner State (Alabama) defeated East Mississippi 98-65.

Both East Central teams won non-division battles with visiting Mississippi Delta on Nov. 7 and with East Mississippi during the season opener on Nov. 5.

The Lady Warriors easily handled Delta 101-89 while the East Central men outscored their opposition 90-83. Shontel Lowe led East Central with 28 points.

Other scorers were Carolyn Boatman, 22; Paula Nash and Brooke Smith, each with 21; Shea Oakley, seven; and Beverly Ware, two.

East Central led 48-43 at halftime.

In men's action, Terry Thames led the East Central attack with 24 points.

Other pointmakers were Tyrone Stowers, 22; Kevin Kennedy, 20; Michael James, 16; Mark Stribling, four; Eric Mays and Tony Bailey, two each.

The Warriors led 39-34 at halftime.

In the season opener for both squads on Nov. 5, Nash pumped in 20 points and led East Central to an 83-71 win over East Mississippi.

Also scoring were Oakley, 16; Lowe, 12; Boatman, nine; Marcella Torrence, Apryl Hendon and Ware, seven each; and Tonya Stowers, four.

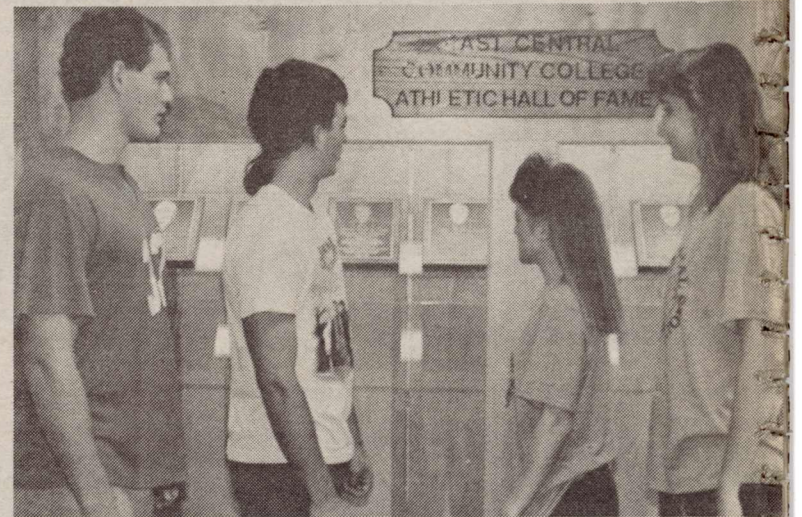
East Central led 38-25 at halftime.

Tyrone Stowers led the Warrior attack as he tallied 19 points in East Central's 89-78 thrashing of East Mississippi.

Other pointmakers were Thames, 16; Mays, 14; Bailey, 13; Stribling and Kennedy, eight each; Marvin Nash, seven; and James, four.

In action this week, both teams will travel to East Mississippi Community College in Scooba on Nov. 13.

The East Central men will participate in a tournament at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville Nov. 19-20 before taking a break for the Thanksgiving holidays.



New trophy case

Students (from left) Brian Killen, Eric Estep, Apryl Hendon and Brooke Smith are shown admiring a new trophy case recently made possible through a donation by the Warrior Club. The display case, located in the lobby of the Brackeen Wood Physical Education Building, is just one of the many projects the club has completed in support of the East Central athletic program. Work on the trophy case was done by EC carpentry and cabinetmaking students. (Photo by David LeBlanc)

ECC athletic program receives financial boost

By WANDA BREEDLOVE

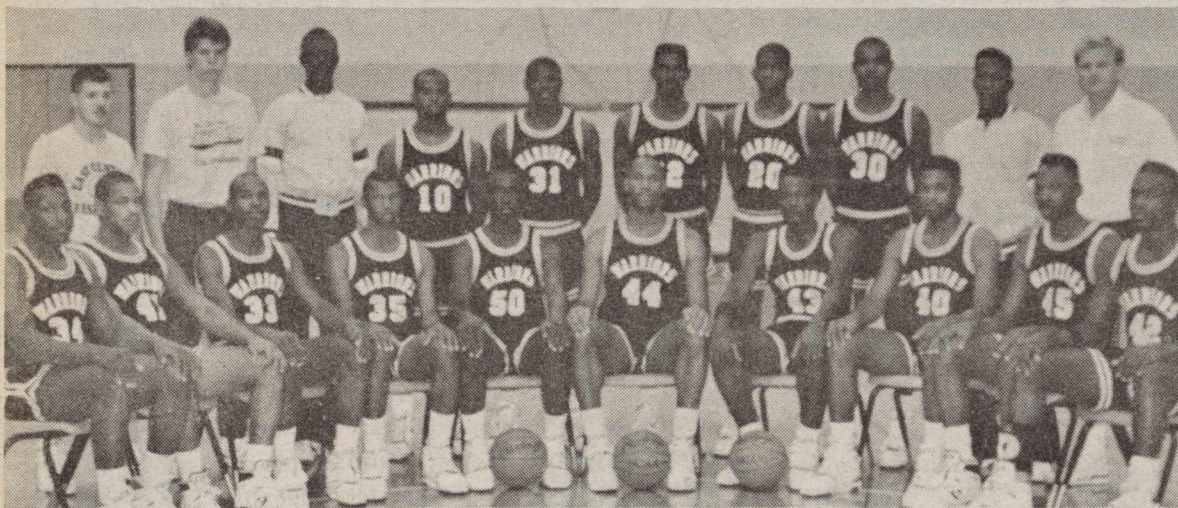
Have you noticed the new ice machine in the baseball concession stand? How about the new universal weights for the fitness and conditioning room in the physical education building? Perhaps you have even seen the new speaker system for the baseball field or the new display case in the lobby of the Physical Education Building.

The money for all of this equipment was raised by the East Central Community College Warrior Club. The Warrior Club was formed in 1989 to promote interest in the EC athletic program. All members are encouraged to go to the athletic functions, buy season tickets and to raise funds from the members to provide the needed money to improve East Central's athletic equipment and buildings.

In just two short years the club has raised \$7,150.00 from its 60 active members.

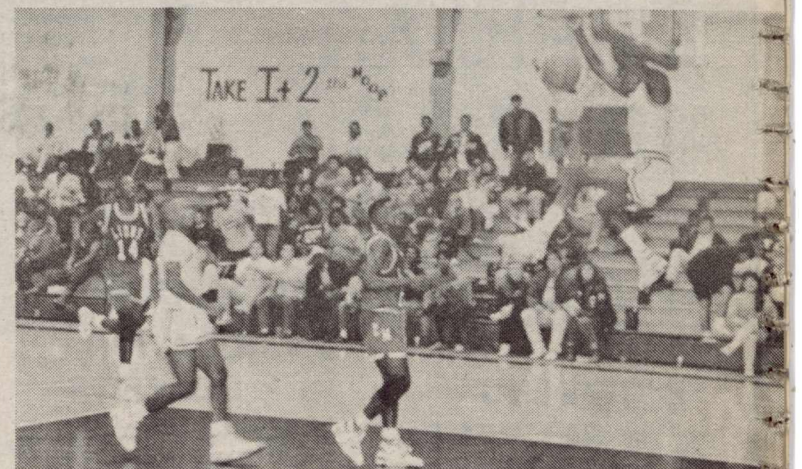
Officers include Lucille Wood, Decatur, president; Gary Risher, Forest, president-elect; Patsy Dunigan Clark Louisville, membership chairperson and Earl Marshall, Clinton, past president.

For further information contact Miss Wood at East Central.



East Central Warriors

Pictured are members of the East Central Community College Warrior basketball team for the 1990-91 season who include, seated from left, sophomore guard Tyrone Bender, Louisville; sophomore forward Kevin Kennedy, Walnut Grove; freshman guard Marvin Nash, Carthage; sophomore guard Lonnie Anderson, Lake; freshman forward J. P. Viverette, Sebastopol; sophomore forward Michael James, Gary, Indiana; sophomore forward Tyrone Stowers, Forest; sophomore forward Charlie Donnerson, Gosnell, Arkansas; freshman forward Vandy Hopson, Philadelphia; freshman guard Tony Bailey, Villa Rica, Georgia; standing, from left, manager Tim Latham, Carthage; student assistant Jimbo Edwards, Calera, Alabama; manager Marcus Beason, Hickory; sophomore guard Eric Mays, Gosnell, Arkansas; freshman guard Willie Jacobs, Ocala, Florida; freshman guard Mark Stribling, Philadelphia; freshman guard Luther Riley, Walnut Grove; sophomore guard Terry Thames, Little Rock; manager Chris Johnson, Philadelphia; and Coach Jay Bowen.



An easy basket!

Sophomore guard Terry Thames of Little Rock slam dunks a two-pointer during the Warriors season opening 89-78 victory over visiting East Mississippi Nov. 5 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Thames scored a total of 16 points during the non-division matchup.



Join drug abuse fight

These East Central basketball team members have joined the recently organized Student Athletes Detest Drugs in an effort to help fight drug abuse. The college chapter, sponsored on campus by Mrs. Frances Graham, is a special program that is an outgrowth of Students Against Driving Drunk.

East Central athletes join fight against substance abuse

In an effort to help combat drug abuse, members of the college's basketball teams have publicly pledged to not use illegal substances and have joined the Student Athletes Detest Drugs organization.

The recently organized chapter, sponsored on campus by East Central staff member Frances Graham, is a special program that is an outgrowth of Students Against Driving Drunk.

Graham said the organization has four main goals:

1. To eliminate death due to illegal drug use; drinking and driving among students;

2. To encourage athletes and students to obey all laws concerning drugs and alcohol;

3. To promote the concept that being your best and being your healthiest in mind and body means being free from illegal substances; and

4. To develop a "school team" effort in which all students watch out for their friends and create a safety net against drinking and driving accidents and illegal drug use.

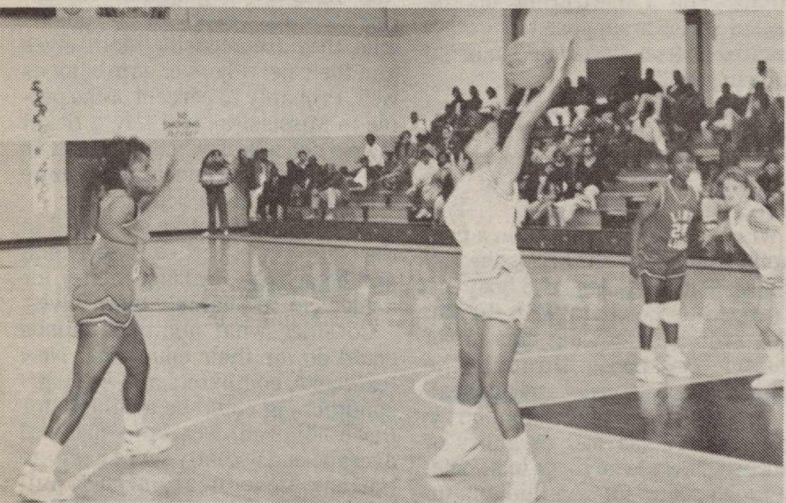
Athletes who joined the SADD chapter recited the following pledge:

"I realize that illegal substances are detrimental to my performance as an athlete. The use of these illegal substances both on and off the athletic field is destructive to a healthy lifestyle. I respect my mind and body and will continue with the

best performance in both athletics and life.

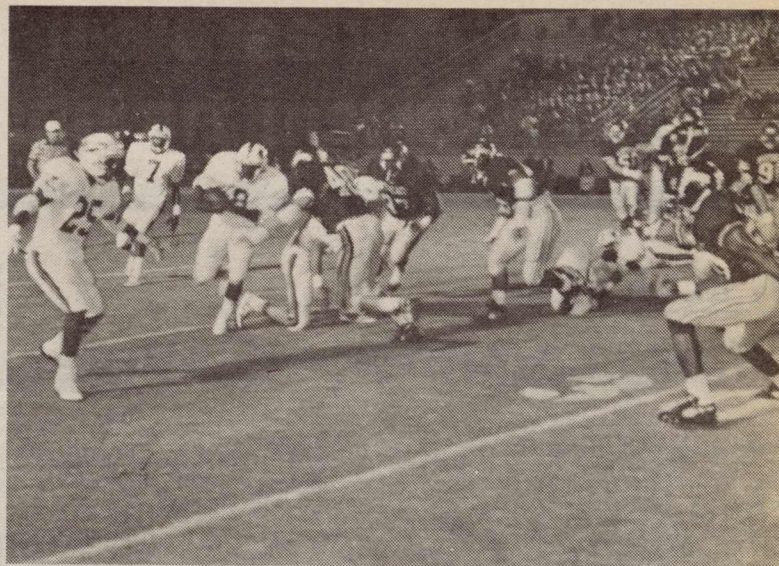
"I am willing to pledge publicly that I will not use illegal substances. This pledge represents my love and commitment to myself, my family, team, school and community."

For further information concerning Student Athletes Detest Drugs, contact Frances Graham at East Central Community College in Decatur, 635-2111, extension 266.



Steals pass

Carolyn Boatman, a sophomore forward from Carthage, demonstrates how to steal a pass during the Lady Warriors season opening 83-71 win over visiting East Mississippi Nov. 5 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Boatman scored a total of nine points during the non-division battle. Also shown is freshman Apryl Hendon of Union.



Gains yardage

Warrior running back Sammie Holifield (8) tries to escape from a Tiger defender during East Central's 31-14 season ending victory over Northeast Nov. 1 on the Booneville campus. Holifield led EC rushers with 130 yards on 19 carries during the non-division battle. Other Warriors shown include wide receiver Kendrick Coleman (25) and quarterback Lamont Byrd (7). East Central closed out the 1990 campaign with a 4-6 overall record.

Final Juco standings

NORTH DIVISION

Team	Conf.	All
Northwest	6-0	8-2
Itawamba	5-1	6-3-1
Miss. Delta	4-2	8-2
East Miss.	3-3	6-4
Northeast	2-4	2-7-1
Holmes	1-5	3-7
Coahoma	0-6	0-10

SOUTH DIVISION

Team	Conf.	All
Co-Lin	6-0	8-2
Hinds	5-1	8-2
Pearl River	4-2	8-2
Jones County	3-3	8-2
East Central	2-4	4-5-1
Gulf Coast	1-5	1-8-1*
Southwest	0-6	1-9

*includes forfeit of 21-0 win over Coahoma Sept. 1.

CLASSIFIEDS

Various music tapes for sale, in good and excellent condition; country and rock. Please contact Ty Jankowski, Todd Hall 607.

1987 Pontiac Grand Am, Greenish-Gray, 4 cylinder. Kenwood systems. Price negotiable. Contact Opie Ray, 656-7876 on Friday and weekends.

For Sale: 2-12" Lanzar Woofers \$225 OBO 1-250 X Orion Amp \$275 OBO. Both still under warranty for 20 months. Call Jeff Peebles at 485-3421 or contact thru Electronic Technology Department in Vo-Tech Building.



ECCC Lady Warriors

Members of the 1990-91 East Central Community College Lady Warrior basketball team include, seated from left, sophomore forward Tonya Stowers, Forest; freshman guard Natasha Willis, Philadelphia; freshman guard Gloria Clay, Louisville; sophomore guard Jackie Gladney, Louisville; freshman forward Marcella Torrence, Morton; freshman guard Apryl Hendon, Union; standing, from left, sophomore forward Beverly Ware, Forest; sophomore forward Carolyn Boatman, Carthage; sophomore guard Paula Nash, Carthage; freshman center Misty Wright, Philadelphia; sophomore center Shontel Lowe, Alexandria, Louisiana; freshman forward Brooke Smith, Philadelphia; sophomore forward Shea Oakley, Louisville; and manager Marcell Gray, Carthage. Not pictured is manager Connie Money, Forest. The Lady Warriors are coached by Sammy Pace.

OPINIONS

AN EDITORIAL

Servicemen need letters!

By WANDA BREEDLOVE

How many of you hate to be lonely? If you are bored and alone, doesn't it just seem to make you whole day bright to get a letter from someone?

Everyday U. S. servicepeople stationed in the Persian Gulf actually hope and pray for letters with some news from home. So very few get any mail at all, and those who do are the envy of all the others.

Can we sit by and let those people go unappreciated? Couldn't we all take just a few minutes a day to write a little note to a serviceman in the Persian Gulf? For less than one

dollar, we can mail a letter to one of these people and brighten his or her whole day. Show some support for your country!

To write, address letters to:
Anyone in the Army, Air Force or the Marines,
Operation Ann Landers,
Desert Shield
APO New York, N. Y. 09848-0006
or to:
Anyone in the Navy or Marines
Aboard Ship
Operation Ann Landers
Desert Shield
FPO New York, N.Y. 09866-0006

AN EDITORIAL

Where is the love?

By JIM HOLDER

Back in prehistoric times, cavemen knocked women over the head with their clubs and dragged them around by their hair. In 1990, though, men have changed. Instead of clubbing our wives and girlfriends, we now simply knock them out with our own bare hands.

The male species has also maintained its status of being the more dominant sex. This rank has been unheld due to the skyrocketing rate of individual and gang rape.

Many people wonder why divorce, rape, and murder rates have simultaneously gone up. Perhaps it's because the attitudes of men toward women have not really changed.

After all, when we men simply take a female out, we think she's "ours".

The sad truth is that most males cannot help themselves because of how they were brought up. Consciously or not, many of us were practically taught to disrespect women in order to "keep them in their place".

There is no simple solution to a problem like this, but I think all males, myself included, could stand to treat the members of the opposite sex with a little more dignity. That doesn't mean to become a wimp, but there's no sense in four or five guys ganging up on one girl, no matter how tough she may be.

Perhaps when some poor fellow gets harassed by a group of girls, someone will finally take notice.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
I would like to share this poem I wrote, with you and your readers:
ONE TRUE FRIEND

A friend is an asset,
Someone hard to find.
A person who likes you
For the contents of your mind.
How can I stop hurting,
How will I ever mend,
How can I get over,
The loss of one true friend?
He was too young to leave us,
Though now it matters not.
For now we have to carry on

With whatever things we've got.
What we have are our memories,
Whether they be many or be few.
Tis these we must rely upon
To aid us and bring us through.
Though it is a new beginning,
And not the very end,
Still I wonder how I'll get over
The loss of one true friend?

Hopefully, this will make people appreciate the true friendships they have while there is still time.
Thanks,
S. Paul

AN EDITORIAL

Apathy can be contagious

By JIM HOLDER

People just don't seem to care anymore. Here we are, at the outset of the 90's, facing an endless list of problems: Iraq, the budget, the homeless, AIDS, drugs, etc. Yet in the middle of this enormous mess, most of us refuse to believe that these issues even exist.

What's worse is the fact that we have some elected and appointed officials in our cities, towns, and states who uphold the same attitudes. Many of these people run for office simply to seek power and various fringe benefits.

It seems as though many readers of the *Tom-Tom* have become

apathetic as well. I'd like for those of you who do read this newspaper to prove me wrong. We are starting a Letters to the Editor section. We would like to hear your voices on any of today's issues. However, we do reserve the right to edit our letters or to not print them at all.

Address you letter to: "Editor, *Tom-Tom*", and turn it in to the Communications Office in Newton Hall. It should include you name and whether you are freshman or a sophomore.

The *Tom-Tom* is supposed to be a student publication, but it won't really be one until more students are truly involved.

AN EDITORIAL

What good does the death penalty do?

By JEFF HITT

The United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate are contemplating the passage of a "tough" new crime bill. This bill, if passed, would add more crimes to the death penalty list.

This writer feels that no crime is justifiable by the intentional death of another human being. Many pro-death voices ring out, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth".

But as many people realize, we are no longer under the old covenant. We are under the new covenant. We are supposed to "turn the other cheek and love even our enemies".

The death penalty has not proven to be a deterrent. Even in those states that have the death penalty, crimes still outnumber the amount of crimes committed in non-death penalty states.

Also, one can not help but wonder if status and social class play a part in the issuance of the death penalty. Why in certain areas does a greater percentage of capital offenders receive the death penalty than in others?

Is a nation that is supposedly God-fearing and righteous showing love to its people by killing some of them? The Constitution of the United States is supposed to protect its citizens from "cruel and unusual punishment."

Webster's dictionary defines cruel as meaning hateful or mean. Webster also defines unusual as meaning something out of the ordinary.

When a person is placed in a cold metal chair, he or she knows the end of near. The arms, legs and body are strapped to the chair. With the flip of a switch, a surging current of electricity shoots through the chair. This is both cruel and unusual.

Anytime we kill for retribution we as a society are just as guilty of murder. There is no place in a society such as ours for non-thinking individuals who crawl around just waiting to stick someone else's finger in the electrical socket.

It may be "shocking" to some to realize that as human beings we have at least a fundamental right to live. As long as America has the death penalty, this right is in jeopardy.

AN EDITORIAL

Our children deserve a lottery

By ROBIN MILLING

The past few months, the state of Mississippi has been embroidered in a struggle with itself: should the state support a lottery?

All sides of the issue have been brought out, but one thing that has been weighing heavily on my mind is the fact that most school children are already dependent on a lottery of sorts.

Throughout the school year, I will be bombarded with pleas from children to buy a chance on a recliner, a shotgun, or a handmade quilt. Each ticket I buy will have a number on it. What's the difference if I choose my number or if I am assigned one?

Every time I buy a ticket, I ask myself why I continue to throw money away, because few people ever win anything. The answer remains the same—so these children can have new library books or art supplies, items the schools do not have funds to supply.

Sure, the circumstances are different. I do not have to go to the A&P to buy my ticket because it comes to me. But I still take the chance of winning by buying the ticket, rather than simply donating the money. It is in our basic human makeup to want to succeed, even if it is in winning \$10 worth of gasoline from Jiffy Mart.

I realize that if the lottery is passed, the children will continue to sell chances. If they do, fine, because it means ever more money for them. I am tired of hearing people repeat the same statements over and over, that the lottery is gambling and un-Christian-like behavior. If this is true, they are accusing themselves and their neighbors of gambling as well. Probably 75 percent of the people in Mississippi will buy a ticket from a schoolkid, whether it is their son, daughter, grandchild, or some other child selling "chances".

The door will not be slammed in the child's face, because it is a child and he or she is raising money for a good cause—namely themselves.

Consider what additional funds could do for their education. New textbooks, computers and even air-conditioning could be available for these children, who on a national average consistently score near the bottom in education. To pull Mississippi out of an educational gutter, we will have to start thinking about our state's future.

Open your minds to Mississippi's educational plight and look to our children for guidance. Should they not be given a fair chance for the future, beginning with a quality education?

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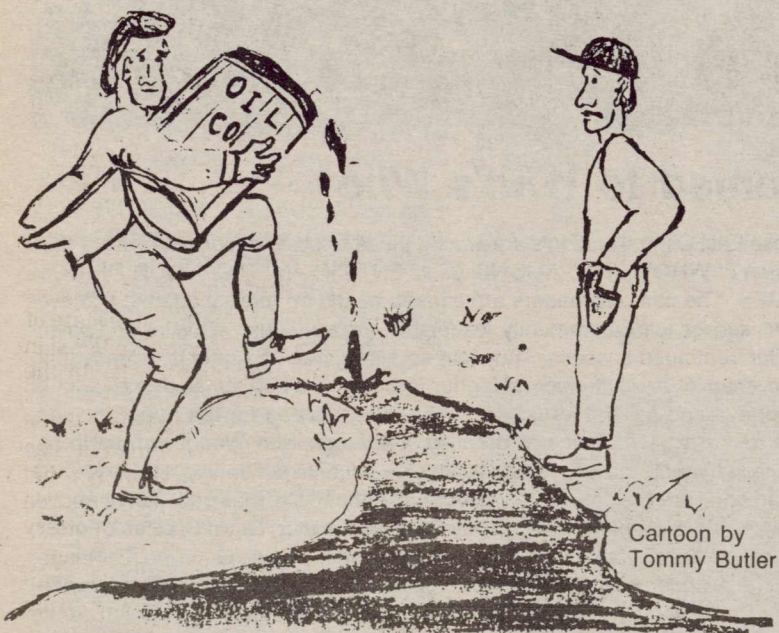
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"Do you think that we should be pouring allof this oil in our lakes and streams? Their cholesterol level is too high like it is!"

Student Opinion Poll

What do you think about flag burning?
"We fought for the freedom which is represented by the flag. It is not right for them (flag burners) to burn the flag because so many people lost their lives standing up for the U. S. It represents the American pride and spirit."
Pam Sistrunk, sophomore

"I think it's fine if those pople (flag burners) want to do it. But, I will not burn the flag myself."
Vickey Cumberland, sophomore

Does the government have the right to decide whether or not art or music is obscene?
"I think deciding what is obscene and what is not obscene is a personal thing. People should be able to choose for themselves. It is bad enough that the government is telling us what to do on almost everything anyway. As long as we live by the law, the government should leave us alone."
Belinda Bell, freshman

"I do not feel that artists should take government funds that were received from tax dollars and creat artistic displays that are offensive to many people. However, I feel that the government has no right to censor this work because the funds were given originally with no stipulations as to obscenity."
Cay Clark, sophomore

Should Mississippi have a state supported lottery?
"I don't see any problem with the lottery and I don't see why some people want to fight and make such a big deal out of it."
Sean Thornton, sophomore

"I just don't believe it's (the lottery) right because it is a frivolous waste of money. It's against Christian morals."
Billy Walker, sophomore

Should President Bush have sent U. S. troops to Saudi Arabia?
"In a way I do because people should not be in fear of their leaders and if they are, someone that could help (U.S.) should put forth the effort to help them."
Robin Cole, sophomore

"I have mixed feelings about it but I'm against it because it may lead to war. Oil and gas have a price, but you can't put a price on human life."
Margarita Roncali

AN EDITORIAL

We must protect our environment

By JEFF HITT
Our environment is one of our most precious resouces. Such things as the human mind and our children are also precious resources.



It seems that strides toward a better future for education and our children are made ten-fold to strides made for the environment. Many people fail to realize that without the earth there is no need for these other strides.

The salvation of our environment is not the job of one agency in Washington, D. C. The job does not belong to the other person. This job belongs to all of us. We all can play an important part of the rescue of our earth.

Those people who fail to help and work toward the betterment of our environment have no right to gripe about unclean water and things of the like.

Such statements like "You can't grow home again" are important in our realization of how important our duty to Mother Earth is. What we do now will affect us later. It is time people jump on the bandwagon and start "Reclaiming, Recycling and Reusing."

Waste dumps and landfills cannot and will not continue to hold all of our trash. We must take an active part. Students and faculty at EC can play a part by recycling cans, bottles and plastics or donating them to LIFE to be recycled.

We also should look close to home to find problems we can help to solve. Areas around the EC campus are polluted and should be cleaned up. One such area is a small creek located next to the Physical Plant. Oil has been dumped into this stream. This is a travisty and something EC faculty, staff and students should be ashamed of. Everyone shold work hard to clean-up and protect our "home".

We must protect our environment!

Scenes like these should not be allowed to happen. (Photos by David LeBlanc)

Tom-Tom Student Survey

Flag Burning:	For 5%	Against 91%	Undec. 4%
Does the government have the right to decide whether or not art or music is obscene	Yes 20%	No 70%	Undec. 10%
Should Mississippi have a lottery? (State supported)	Yes 71%	No 19%	Undec. 10%
Should President Bush have sent U. S. troops to Saudi Arabia	Yes 60%	No 22%	Undec. 18%

ECCC exhibition features work by community college art instructors

Various forms of artwork by community college art instructors in Mississippi will be on display during November and December in the fine Arts Center lobby at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The traveling art exhibition of paintings, drawings and sculptures by the community college artists is sponsored through a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission and co-sponsored by the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

Bruce Guraedy, art instructor at East Central, said the exhibit consists of many different art mediums as well as a subject matter.

"The quality of work speaks well of the abundance of talent that exists among the state's community college art instructors. And because of its diversity, the art show is ideal for everyone," Guraedy said.

Guraedy said the traveling art exhibit has been planned and researched "for about two years." He said Mrs. Gayle McCarty of Hinds Community College is credited with the idea for the art show, which has been adopted as one of the main projects of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Art Instructors' Association.

"The sole purpose of the exhibit is to provide exposure of fine arts to many of Mississippi's rural areas where art classes are virtually nonexistent in the schools and there are no art museums or galleries," he said.

Guraedy said "many thanks" should be given to the Mississippi Arts Commission for funding the traveling art show exhibit. Due to a limited budget, he said the commission can only fund 35 percent of all requests it receives.

After it leaves the East Central

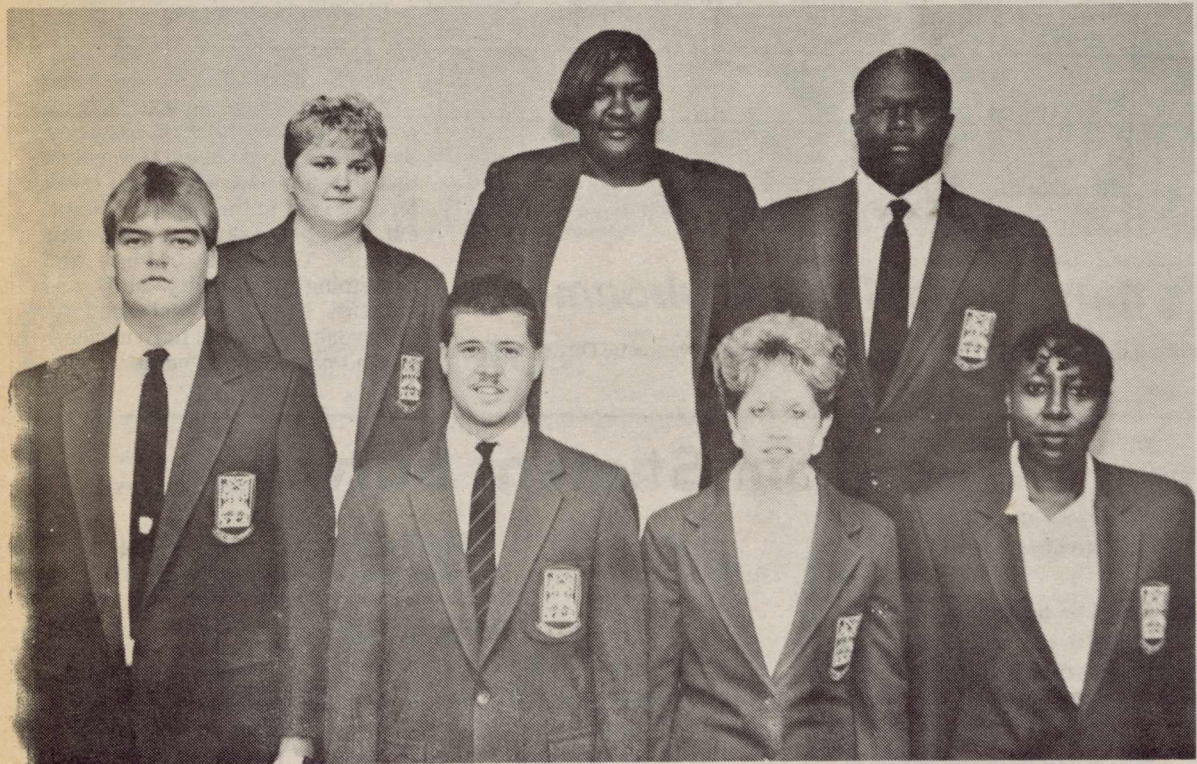


Artwork on display

Sophomores Tyron Bender of Louisville and Chris Edwards of Philadelphia are shown admiring some of the forms of artwork currently on display in the college's Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. The art exhibition, which includes paintings, drawings and sculptures by the state's community college art instructors, will be on display through December 1990.

campus, the exhibit will be shown at Itawamba Community College in Fulton (January), Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville (February), Gulf Coast

Community College in Perkinston (March), and Pearl River Community College in Poplarville (April) before returning to Hinds Community College in Raymond.



East Central VICA officers

VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) officers for 1990-91 at East Central include, front row, from left, Mark Shaw of Meridian, president; Tim Latham of Carthage, vice president; Cindy McMinn of Jackson, secretary; Ethel Barnes of Newton, treasurer; back row, from left, Sharon Taylor of Union, reporter; Wendy Johnson of Newton, chaplain; and Ray Porter of Forest, historian. Not pictured is Robert Brunson of Forest, parliamentarian. Advisors are Sarah Griffin and Jim McNair.



Named to Who's Who

These East Central students are among those selected nationwide for the 1991 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES. The campus leaders are chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership, extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students representing more than 1400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Those named for the honor include, first row, from left, Bethany Brantley, Carthage; Kim Wedgeworth, Union; Michalle Everett, Hickory; Tracy Weaver, Decatur; Jana Fanning, Hickory; Karla Munn and Tara Swindle, both of Decatur; Robin Cole, Linwood; Tanya Aycox, Newton; second row, from left, Buffy Reeves, Decatur; Dawn Bradford, Forest; Darlene Crane, Decatur; Michelle Mitchell, Morton; Gayla Goodwin, Carthage; Dawn Alexander, Little Rock; Martha Sibley and Mary Wheeler both of Newton; Mary Cay Clark, Chunky; Sonya Lewis, Little Rock; third row, from left Jamie Champion, Demopolis, Ala.; Jef Hitt and Jim Holder, both of Union; Brent Townsend and Billy Howell both of Carthage; Andy Hardy, Philadelphia; Kevin Winstead, Forest; Pam Gilmer, Philadelphia; Sandra Collins and Bethany Jinkerson, both of Union; fourth row, from left, Wyatt Williamson, Demopolis, Ala.; Raymond Reynolds, Conehatta; Ab Germany, Decatur; Brent Bailey, Carthage; Brian Cooper, Decatur; Billy McNair, Philadelphia; Jimbo Edwards, Calera, Ala.; Twyla Kemp, Carthage; Brent Fountain, Natchez; Connie Mooney, Forest; and Jennifer Henry, Philadelphia.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Billie, John Nowell, Eddie Rutherford, David Walker, Lori Burt, Stacie Ely, Richard Graham, Kimberly Wilder, Sidney McNeil, Tony Moss, Clara Tubby.

Demetria Ball, Kathy Sheets, Mitchell Bullard, David Bounds, Audrey Roberts, Elizabeth Moore, Jeffrey Moore, Audrey Clark, Sandra Collins, Barbara Waltman.

Sondra Gould, Marty McKee, Pamela Sistrunk, Jeff Hitt, Jeannie Vance, Daniel McArthur, Jackie Burks, Carol Ricks, Mitchell Hebert, Jim Holder, Ursula Lowe.

Shawn White, Amy Alford, David Campbell, Amy Cumberland, Vickie Terrell, Mary Crim, Shirley Skinner, Elaine Widener, Priscilla Pigg.

Richard Rushing, James Davis, Tina Calloway, Shelby Donald, Keith Thompson, Linda Jones, Sandra York, Geraldine Hill, Mark Branning, James Russell, Mary Duncan.

Anthony White, Crystal Eakin, Aline McMillan, Glenda Bennett, Francine Alex, William Jackson, Tarina Anderson, James Baxley, Annie Brown, Mary Bilbro, Bobby McDill, Melissa Marler, Latricia Glass, Tracy Henley, Christie Herrington.

Scott McNair, Jerry Welch, Jared Beiriger, Wanda Smiley, Tammy Comans, Sandra Thrash, Ronda Chisolm, Michael Roland, James Pruitt, Christopher Gardner, Delvin Williams, Dot Merchants, Helen Carothers, Owen Ray, Kathy Isaac.

Michael Brooks, Tanya Watkins, Jay Kerr, Tammy Beauchamp, Wanda Edwards, Mary Thompson, Tyron Bender, Cynthia Anthony, Stacey Powers, Jonathan Williams,

Barbara Martin, Cynthia Boose and Billy Smith.



ECCC singles champ

Raymond McMullan, director of admissions, records and research, captured top singles honors in the annual alumni/student tennis tournament recently held as part of the college's Homecoming celebration. McMullan has won the men's singles events for the past several years. Winning the doubles competition were Herman Davis and Wayne Burton, both of Newton. Winning the annual golf tournament was Joel Nelson of Newton.

Is college what you expected it would be

By MICHALLE EVERET and
KIM WEDGEWORTH

When I entered college, it was both what I expected and a few things I didn't expect.

I expected the classes to be more difficult and my schedule to be very busy, but some of the things I didn't expect were the most memorable of my freshman year.

I will never forget walking into the wrong class or losing my books—all in the first week of classes.

We asked some first-semester freshmen their views on college life. Most of them agreed that college was what they expected.

Scott Round, 19, of Conehatta agreed that the courses were harder—especially Dr. Fisher's chemistry class.

Vince Wright, 22, of Beulah Hubbard, said that it was harder than he thought to get re-adjusted to school after being out for four years. He also added that he missed his very first class.

"College is definitely more fun," commended Lela Ladner, 18, of Carthage. "One night in the dorm, a friend and I were in the bathroom late. We suddenly saw two hands trying to get the window open. We were scared to death!"

Bubba Finley, 18, of Union had a surprising experience. He found an old friend, who moved away four years ago, in one of his classes.

Ginger Buckley, 18, from Enterprise, said that she didn't think you could have this much fun while going to school, but that she also thought the classes would be a lot easier to adjust to.

Amy Fussell, 18, of Louisville, said that she did expect college to be fun and full of new experiences, but that she did not expect the classes to be so hard.

Wes Breazeale, 18, of Neshoba Central, said that "college is what I expected it to be and more. It is fun because you don't have to meet



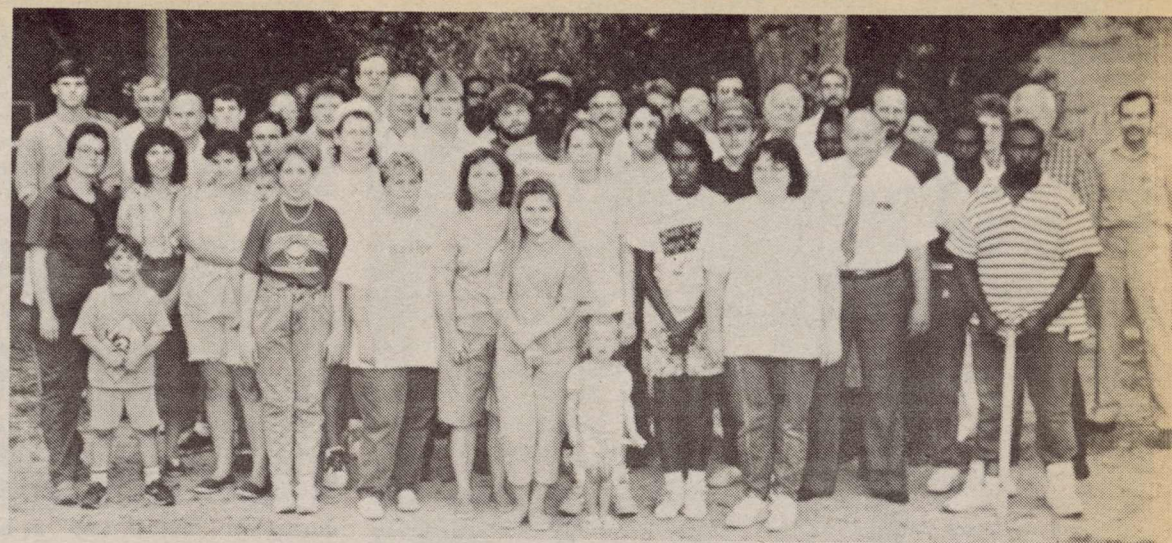
Ginger Buckley



Amy Fussell

classes all day long, like in high school. And people in college are friendlier than in high school."

Most of the students agreed that since coming to EC they had matured. East Central's motto "With You In Mind" is true for these freshmen as well as all other students.



Attend VICA, Phi Beta Lambda cookout

Members of the East Central Community College VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) and Phi Beta Lambda chapters recently worked together on a community service project and held a cookout at the Newton County American Legion building. Attending the activity were government and school officials, representatives of business and industry, instructors and VICA and PBL members and their guests. (Photo by John Fleming)

BSU presents Reachout '90

BY SCOTT CUMMINS

After several weeks of planning and preparing, the Baptist Student Union presented Reachout '90 to the East Central campus. The guests for the three-day event were: speaker, Rev. Bobbie Williamson and professional musician and ventriloquist, John Yates.

The event began on Oct. 1 and continued through Oct. 3, during which Rev. Williamson presented messages that inspired and challenged students.

On Nov. 15 the BSU will present a concert featuring Dennis Lee, a professional ventriloquist, who has appeared on campus before.

The BSU also has weekly events, such as Tuesday night's Priority, Wednesday's Lunch Encounter, and once a month on Thursday nights, Blast. The BSU invites guests to come to speak at these events and everyone on campus is invited to attend them.



ECCC freshman officers

Freshman class officers recently elected for the 1990-91 college term include (in front, from left) Tim Watkins of Union, president; Clarence White of Forest vice president; and (in back, from left) Kim Griffin of Decatur, Treasurer; and Nikki Griffin of Philadelphia secretary.

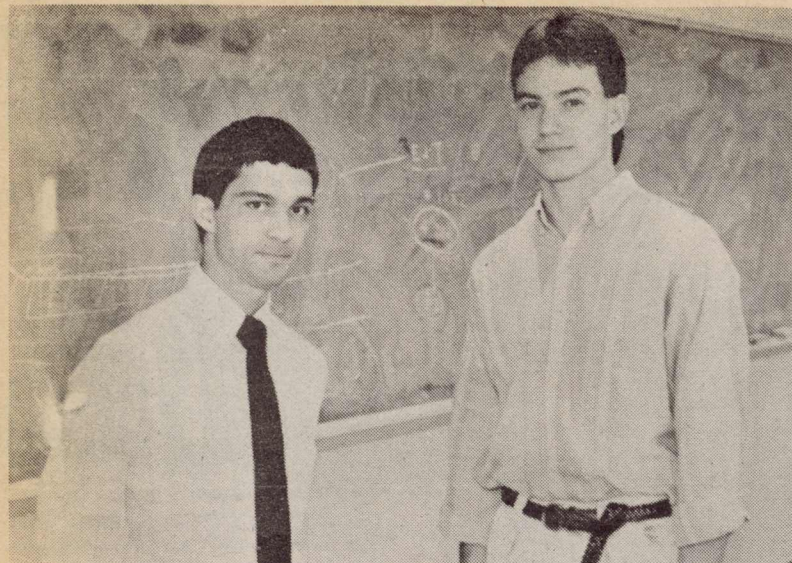


The Ac'cents

Members of The Ac'cents, a vocal ensemble at East Central Community College in Decatur, include, first row, from left, Leesa Lee, Meridian; Bethany Jinkerson, Union; J. C. Howell, Walnut Grove; Deanna McNair, Decatur, Rachel McCool, Louisville; back row, from left, Cathie Jones, Walnut Grove; Scott Lewis, Philadelphia; and Tonya Henry, Walnut Grove. Directed by Charles Hinson, The Ac'cents are available for community and civic club programs throughout the five-county district.

BSU schedule for November & December

EVENT	TIME	PLACE	DATE
(Priority)			
Doctor Hight:	7 p.m.	BSU	Nov. 6
Gospel in Magic			
(Lunch Encounter)			
Speaker: Johnny Pope	5th Period	BSU	Nov. 7
(Priority)			
Dennis Lee	7 p.m.	BSU	Nov. 13
(Lunch Encounter)			
Speaker: Dennis Lee	5th Period	BSU	Nov. 14
Evening with Dennis Lee	7 p.m.	Huff Aud.	Nov. 15
Rock-A-Thon	8-7 a.m.	BSU	Nov. 16
Thanksgiving Banquet	6 p.m.	BSU	Nov. 20
Heralknows Show	7 p.m.	BSU	Nov. 27
(Priority)			
Skit	7 p.m.	BSU	Dec. 4
Tree Trimming	7 p.m.	BSU	Dec. 11



Speaks to club

Civil engineer Ted Pope, left, recently served as guest speaker for an Alpha Alpha Epsilon meeting and is shown with sophomore Dwayne McNair, club president. Pope is a 1981 honor graduate at East Central where he maintained a 4.0 grade point average and also served as AAE president. He received his engineering degree at Mississippi State University and is currently employed at Yates Construction Company of Philadelphia.

Many campus clubs offered at East Central

By SCOTT CUMMINS

East Central offers many clubs and organizations for its students and encourages participation from those interested in the various campus activities.

Among the organizations offered are Mu Alpha Theta, Students in Free Enterprise and Alpha Alpha Epsilon.

Mu Alpha Theta is a math club that is designed to recognize achievement and interest in mathematics as well as to provide a continued opportunity to develop that interest and to be of service to the East Central campus. The club was started in February 1984 under Dr. Shelby Harris, but in the fall of 1986, Mrs. McMullan took over as leader of the club. Currently, there are 31 members and 53 prospects who have been invited to join this semester. From time to time, the members will use dues from the club and donate it to something on campus. In the past, they have donated \$100 to the renovation of Huff Auditorium.

Mrs. McMullan states that Tammy Kirkland, former president of Mu Alpha Theta, was the recipient of the first Andree Award, which is a \$1,000 scholarship given to a member of the Mu Alpha Theta who plans to teach math.

Students in Free Enterprise is a club, lead by Mrs. Laurie Glaze, designed only for students who are business majors. The purpose of this club is to give students experience in working with commitment and help them in preparing presentations. They are presented to a group of people who are selected by the members. There are between 20 and 25 members in the club presently and it has hopes that the membership will increase during the monthly meetings.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon is a club for engineering majors. It was first chartered Nov. 11, 1963. The Delta Chapter, (four community colleges

associated with engineers) is the only active community college chapter in the state affiliated with the National Society of Engineers. The Meridian Chapter of the Mississippi Engineering Society is the sponsor of the AAE Chapter.

Monthly meetings usually have guest lecturers that talk about what is expected of engineering majors, but they do have a social during the year. The Associated Dean of School of Engineering of Mississippi State University, Dr. Walter Carnes and Dr. Sam Deluth of Ole Miss, visit in the spring to coordinate the Engineering transfer program for those engineers planning to go to Mississippi State or Ole Miss.

AAE was tapped as one of five outstanding community college programs of all community colleges in the United States.

Ted Pope recently spoke at an AAE meeting and has agreed to teach engineering statistics in the spring semester on Monday nights. This will be extremely important for those engineering students transferring because this is a course normally taken at a sophomore level. Dr. Harris stated, "This is a first for the course to be taught at East Central and we are fortunate to have Ted teach this course for our students. Ted was an outstanding president of AAE when he was here as an honor student at East Central."



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

By ANDY HARDY

Many faculty members here at East Central are also graduates from East Central. One such is Mr. Thomas W. Carson. Mr. Carson graduated from East Central Junior College (original name) in 1975.

As a student at East Central, Mr. Carson participated in several activities which earned him a spot in East Central's illustrious and dignified Hall of Fame.

His picture hangs in Huff Auditorium (he's the one sporting his extremely long sideburns).

Carson had roles in both musicals during his "tour of duty" at East Central.

In "Camelot" he portrayed Mordred, Arthur's illegitimate son, and in "My Fair Lady" he played the lead role of Professor Henry Higgins which he described as "Henry Higgins from Hell."

Mr. Carson also played guitar in the Collegians, although the group was more of a swing-chair then.

After graduation from EC, Mr. Carson attended Delta State where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in music.

In 1982 he returned to his alma mater to be East Central's new "head band dude". During his first year as faculty member, Mr. Carson organized the jazz band and a year later he transformed the Collegians into a pop/rock group. Last year, Mr. Carson started the Conehatta Blues Connection, a blues revue that placed third in the Chunky Rhythm and Blues Talent Search.

He also placed a guitar major in East Central's curriculum for those whose music studies leaned that way.

In his ninth consecutive term as band director, Mr. Carson organized "Round Midnight, a band that plays 50's and 60's rock and roll with a 'hinge of rhythm and blues thrown in for good taste. Besides these previously mentioned groups, he directs the marching and concert bands, serves as maestro for the musical's orchestra, teaches music appreciation and serves as a major



EC band director Thomas W. Carson, this issue's "Teacher Spotlight".

recruiter for East Central.

Mr. Carson has other talents and hobbies, which include nasally spewing soft drinks and observing nature's little oddities.

He once remarked after seeing a field of cattle, "My God, look at the size of those pigs."

As far as the future is concerned, he would like to see the expansion of the Fine Arts building.

Mr. Carson has influenced many students at East Central and enlightens the spirits of everyone who has studied under him, in one way or another.

As to his opinion about East Central's students, he has remarked, "All of them are special in their own way, but my cymbalist, Stacy Copeland, stated the way I feel about my students the best, 'Cool Beans.'"



New ECCC club organized

Students Against Driving Drunk (S.A.D.D.) is a new chapter recently organized at East Central. Members include, seated from left, Frances Graham, sponsor; Daphne Snow, Philadelphia; Lynda Kelly, Carthage; Dawn Alexander, Little Rock; Vicki Cumberland, Philadelphia; standing, from left, Shannon Jackson, Carthage; Tammie Walker and Annette Carter, both of Morton; Gayla Goodwin, Carthage; and Jennifer Barnes, Philadelphia.

S.A.D.D. presents cold facts on alcohol abuse

By Ty JANKOWSKI

On Oct. 18 at 7:30 p. m. in Newton Hall, an "Alcohol Abuse Awareness Program" was presented by the S.A.D.D. chapter here at East Central. Those present included Chief Deputy Ron Davis of the Newton County Sheriff's Department, Mrs. Frances Graham and Mr. Tom Walker, a rehabilitation alcoholic who told of his nightmare roller coaster ride with alcohol, particularly beer, since the age of 14.

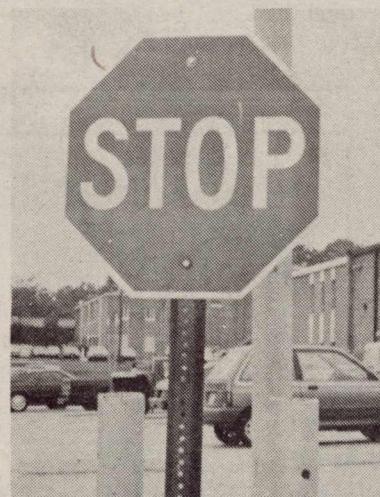
Mr. Davis reported shocking statistics that he had observed as a law enforcement officer. He stated that alcohol abuse starts with some people as early as the sixth grade, and 90% of them start because of peer pressure. It is the leading cause of death for the 18-24 age group in the United States. Each year 74,000 people are seriously injured, and

about 25,000 more are killed in alcohol-related accidents. That's about one person getting killed every 20 minutes because of alcohol.

The average blood alcohol level for someone stopped for drunk driving is .20, which is twice the legal limit. That amount is the equivalent of a 180 pound man consuming 15 drinks of 86 proof whiskey within four hours. Most alcohol-related accidents occur between the times of 8 p. m. and 8 a. m.

Mr. Davis also stressed the fact that all law enforcement officers would much rather take someone home or even to jail for the night rather than see someone drink and drive.

Anyone interested in joining S.A.D.D. should contact Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Students, or Mrs. Frances Graham, sponsor of "Students Against Driving Drunk."



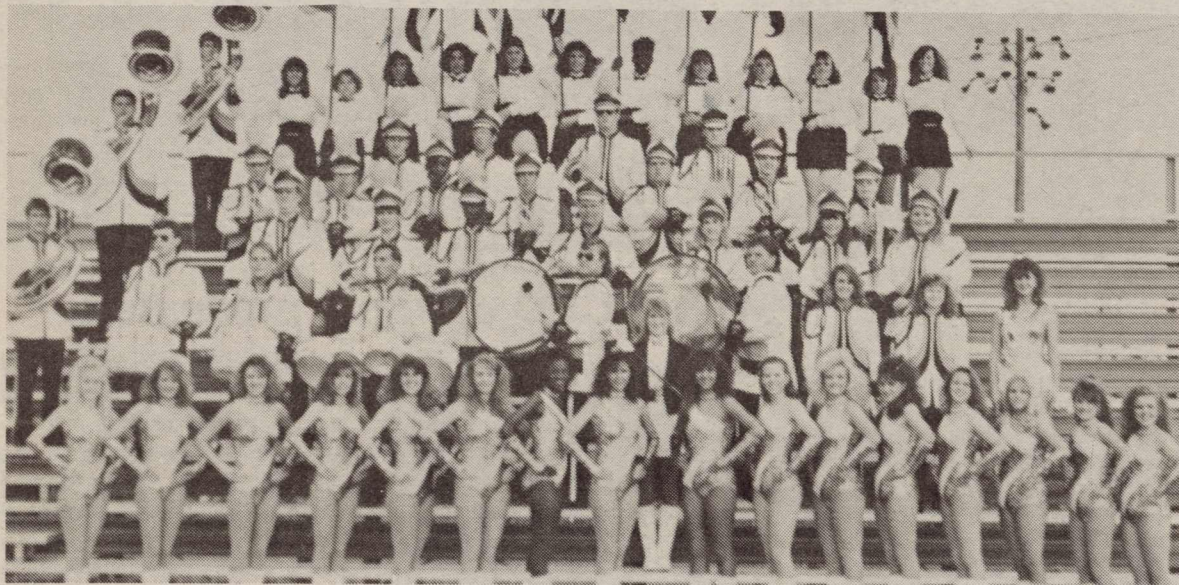
Obey stop signs!

Do you know what this sign means? This is a stop sign. This sign means that the operator of a motor vehicle must come to a **complete** stop. Over 3,184 lives were lost at stop signs in 1988. Please BUCKLE UP and use caution when you drive. The one life you save may be your own! (Photo by David LeBlanc)



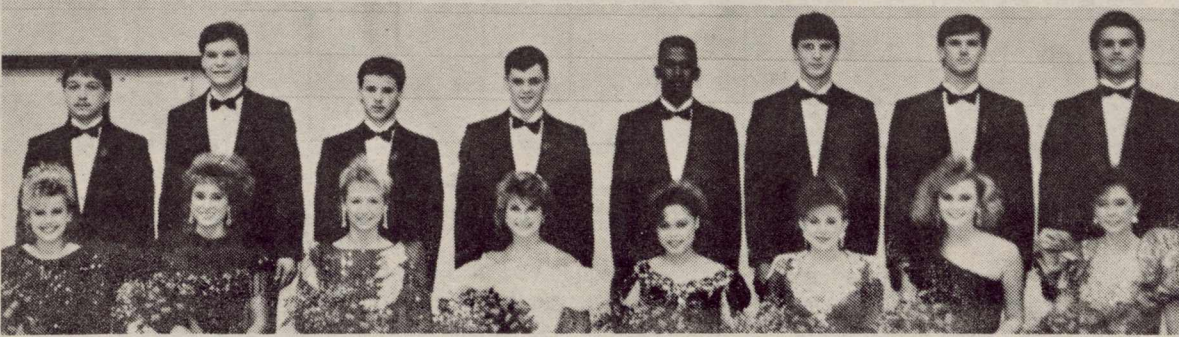
ECC drum line

Drum line members include, from left, Stacy Williamson, Mark Branning and Andy Hardy, all of Philadelphia; Eddie Davenport, Meridian; Scott Walker, Philadelphia; David Ezell, Union, and Stacy Copeland, Vicksburg.



ECCC marching band

Members of the 1990 Warrior Marching Band include, first row, from left Angel Truhett, Collinsville; Kim Wedgeworth, Union; Tammy Robinson and Tracy Stokes, both of Louisville; Christina Wood, Decatur; Lynda Kely, Carthage; Tonya Moore, Philadelphia; Buffy Reeves, Decatur; Melanie Wilcher, Carthage; Sandra Collins, Union; Tammie Rigdon, Decatur; Sydney Leonard, Walnut Grove; Shawn White, Vicksburg; Nicke Ivy, Hickory; Sherri Williamson and Misty Cornett, both of Louisville; second row, from left, Brian Spears, Decatur; Scott Walker and Andy Hardy, both of Philadelphia; Eddie Davenport, Meridian; Mark Branning, Philadelphia; David Ezell, Union; Stacy Copeland, Vicksburg; Stacy Williamson, Louisville; Karla Munn, Decatur; third row, from left, Mark Shaw, Meridian; Billy Howell, Carthage; Vincent Brown and Brad Foley, both of Meridian; Tara Swindle, Decatur; Gayla Goodwin, Carthage; Nikki Griffin, Philadelphia; fourth row, from left, Scott Lewis, Philadelphia; Brenda Warren, Pulaski; Sid McNeil, Decatur; Frda Moore, Lake; Richard Nance, Louisville; Wes Breazeale, Philadelphia; Lisa Thompson, Louisville; fifth row, from left, Clark Reynolds and Randy Germany, both of Union; Michael Roland, Carthage; Andy Reed, Louisville; sixth row, from left, Kirt Doss and Patty Sims, both of Philadelphia; Tammy Griffin, Lawrence; Kristy Huddleston and Dawn Alexander, both of Little Rock; Becky Wheeler, Newton; Debby Tidmore, Meridian; Angie Smith, Forest; Sonya Lewis, Little Rock; Susan McLauchlin, Carthage; Stephanie Warren, Philadelphia; and Robin Cole, Linwood. Not pictured are Delvin Huffman, Philadelphia; Richard Graham, Union; and Cathie Jones, Walnut Grove. The East Central band is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson.



ECCC Homecoming court, escorts

Pictured are members of the 1990 East Central Homecoming Court who were presented during halftime ceremonies of the ECCC-Pearl River football game held Oct. 13. Seated from left are freshman maids Kimberly Shirley, Forest; Amy Fussell, Louisville, and Wendy Ellis, Carthage; Queen Michelle Mitchell, Morton; Maid of Honor Renae Thames, Union; and sophomore maids Amy Cumberland, Philadelphia; Michalle Everett, Hickory; and Buffy Reeves, Decatur. Standing from left are escorts Bruce Hall, Forest; Chad Harrison, Union; Mathew Freeny, Carthage; Scott Sumerall, Morton; Derek Brown, Newton; Brian Jones, Philadelphia; Kem Humphries, Louisville; and Brian Cooper, Decatur.

Exceptional drum line roaming East Central

By ANDY HARDY

"Oh, give me a home where the drum line roams."

That's not exactly how the lyrics are sung, but that little paraphrase is necessary in this case.

Mr. Tom Carson, East Central's band director, gave this year's drum line the chance to sing "Home on the Range" on the field, the chance to compose their own "dance" to the song, and East Central's audience the once-in-a-lifetime privilege for EC fans to see this percussion extravaganza. Mr. Carson allowed the percussion line to perform this entertaining piece because he knows that this year's drum line is the most talented and unique group ever at East Central!

This year's percussion line consists of Scott Walker, snare-drummer from Neshoba Central and the ever illustrious captain of this marvelous septet. The drum line always addressed Mr. Walker respectfully as "Oh Captain, my Captain."

Also on snare is Andy Hardy. (Enough said!)

The quad player is Meridian's Eddie Davenport, whose jovial ways and constant pranks enlighten the mood of the entire line.

Yes, everybody loves Edward Wiley, except when they are plotting revenge upon him because of his cruel tricks.

The strenuous tasks of bass drumming belongs to Mark Branning of Neshoba Central and David Ezell of Union High School. What makes these two unique in their own way is the fact that they are both music majors: Mark with a guitar emphasis and David with a saxophone emphasis.

The melodic percussionist this year is Stacy Williamson from Neshoba Central. Stacy's finesse with her mallets as she plays the xylophone and her cheerful attitude on the sidelines inspires greatness in everyone else.

Finally, there is Stacy Copeland, the world-renowned cymbalist from Warren Central High School in Vicksburg. Stacy is not your usual "dumb blond." She can actually make sun-tea.

Yes, these are seven special individuals, but their own personal qualities hold no comparison to what they are like together. These seven talents mold and form one multi-talented group that hopefully was seen by everyone during the halftime show!

L.I.F.E. Tips

1. To help conserve gas, carpool as much as possible.
2. Try to walk when your destination is nearby.
3. Maintain the posted speed limit for safety and fuel conservation.
4. Make sure the pressure in your tires is the proper amount, because improper tire pressure can cause your car to use excess fuel.
5. Try not to "go" as much. If you do not necessarily need something, do not use extra gas to go get it. Try to make as few trips to the store as possible.
6. Become an active participant in a recycling program, whether directly by having the goods recycled yourself or indirectly by donating them to a person or group that does recycle.

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A Final Look at the 1990 Homecoming Celebration



ECCC homecoming honorees

Pictured are outstanding East Central Community College alumni and instructors who were honored during the Oct. 13, 1990 homecoming activities held on the Decatur campus. From left are Larry Hogue of Flowood, selected "Alumnus of the Year;" Jo McMullan Taylor of Forest, "Alumna of the Year;" Lois Foster McMullan, "Outstanding Academic Instructor;" Wallace Keen, "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor;" and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Sherrell Ray Marshall of Jackson, Jeff Loper of Decatur and Richard Harris of Hickory.



First ECCC diploma presented

The first diploma issued by East Central Community College (then East Central Junior College) was presented by 1930 class member Frances Harris Smith, right, to college president Dr. Eddie Smith who has placed the prize document in the school's archives in Burton Library. The presentation was made during the recent Homecoming activities held on the Decatur campus. Members of the 1930 graduating class were also recognized on their 60th reunion.



Top Homecoming display

Newsome Hall captured first place honors in the Homecoming sign display contest with the above entry. Other top entries were those by Sigma Sigma Mu, Tau, second; and Warrior Corps, third.



1975-76 team honored at Homecoming

The 1975-76 East Central Lady Warrior basketball squad was recently honored at Homecoming ceremonies. The team captured the East Central Invitational as well as the North Mississippi and state championships. Team members who attended were, front row, from left, Mike Hatcher, head football coach, Noxapater; Vickie Cumberland Moody, Registered Nurse, Madden; Barbara Harrison, teacher for EMR and SLD students at Newton County Middle School; Donna Carter Spiers, teacher and girls' head basketball coach, Picayune; second row, from left, Debbie Pearson, employee at Peavey Electronics in Meridian; Lucille Wood, coach; Brenda Haralson Emmons, third grade teacher at Brandon Elementary School; Julie Latham Latham, teacher and girls' basketball coach at Morton Middle School; and Diana Lyons Jones, teacher and girls' head basketball coach, Hattiesburg. Written by Jim Holder.

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Special Refund Policy for Students Called into Active Military Duty During the 1990-91 Session (As Approved by the ECCC Board of Trustees)

Any student who has enrolled at East Central Community College during the 1990-91 session who is a member of the Mississippi National Guard or who is a member of any of the reserve components of the armed forces of the United States and who has been placed on active duty status by orders of the President of the United States or who has been drafted into any component of the armed forces of the United States may be allowed to withdraw as a student of the college and receive a full tuition refund including out-of-state fees (if applicable), student fees, and any special fees. Refunds for room and board fees will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Any student who withdraws from the college under the policy will not receive any grades. Such students' records will show evidence of the withdrawals with documentation on file.

Any student who completes thirteen (13) weeks of a semester, who is in good standing with the college, and who has not exceeded allowable absences during the thirteen (13) week period has the option to remain enrolled at the college without refund of any of the above-specified tuition or fees. Such students would be eligible within ninety (90) days after release from active duty to make arrangements to take the final examinations for all courses and would be eligible to receive credit for the courses. The final grades for all courses will be based upon the scores on the final examinations and the grades recorded during the thirteen (13) week period.

Any student who completes more than fourteen (14) weeks of a semester, who is in good standing with the college, and who has not exceeded allowable absences during the period of enrollment will be permitted to receive full credit for all appropriate courses with the final grades based upon the grades recorded for the enrollment period. Such students shall not receive refunds for any of the above-specified tuition or fees.



ECCC pageant winners

East Central Community College sophomore Kristi Patrick of Carthage was crowned Most Beautiful for 1990-91 by college president Dr. Eddie M. Smith during pageant activities recently held on the Decatur campus. At right is Brent Bailey, also of Carthage, who was selected Most Handsome by a vote of the student body. Patrick, a liberal arts major, is the daughter of Ann and Jeff Sanders of Carthage and Tommy Patrick of Wesson. She is a graduate of Leake Academy. Bailey, son of Mitsy and Barry Bailey of Carthage, is a graduate of Carthage High School. A sophomore, Bailey is an engineering major. Sponsored by the Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff, the annual pageant was held in Huff Auditorium.

Our Prayers Are With The Following ECCC Students and Faculty Called To Active Duty Because Of The Persian Gulf Crisis:

Students:

David Campbell—Decatur
Stafford Griffin—Carthage
MacArthur Hannah—Carthage
Danny Leach—Lake
Ardy Reed—Louisville
Richard Rushing—Louisville
Dexter Thornton—Carthage

Faculty:

Jim Hansford—Industrial Coordinator (ECCC)
Larry Duran—Metal Trades Instructor
(Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center)

Kristi Patrick crowned EC's Most Beautiful

By KIM WEDGEWORTH

Twenty-nine of East Central's most beautiful girls vied for the honor of EC's Most Beautiful 1990-91 Tuesday, Nov. 27 in Huff Auditorium.

The evening started off with a tea at Dr. Smith's home, where the contestants were introduced to the judges.

After the tea, the contestants got dressed in their evening gowns. The curtain opened with all 29 contestants on stage where they were introduced to the judges and audience one-by-one.

The contestants were then escorted by one of the five beaux, which were Brent Bailey, Scott McNair, Wesley Barrett, Brian Cooper and Chad Harrison. They

were previously elected by popular vote.

A top ten were picked, and among them were Buffy Reeves, Stephanie Warren, Brandi White, Stacie Ely, Pamela Belk, Christina Wood, Michalle Everett, Kristi Patrick, Bethany Jinkerson, and Suzanne Smith.

The top ten were then presented again to the judges. While the judges were making their decisions, entertainment was provided by Ardy Reed, Janna Fanning, Lisa Thompson and Shannon McNeil.

The four beauties were Christina Wood, Buffy Reeves, Michalle Everett, and Pamela Belk. East Central's Most Beautiful, Kristi Patrick, was crowned, and Brent Bailey was announced as Most Handsome.

1990 Fall Exam Schedule

PERIOD	TIME
Monday, December 17, 1990	
A	8 a.m.-10 a.m.
C	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
B	1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
Tuesday, December 18, 1990	
1	8 a.m.-10 a.m.
3	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
D	1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
Wednesday, December 19, 1990	
2	8 a.m.-10 a.m.
4	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
7	1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
Thursday, December 20, 1990	
6	8 a.m.-10 a.m.
5	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
All vocational course exams will be given Thursday, December 20, 1990, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Grades will be due in the admissions office December 20 at 3 p.m.	

Dennis Lee performance provides boost to Summer Missions Project

By SCOTT CUMMINS

On Thursday night, Nov. 15, the BSU presented an "Evening with Dennis Lee" to the East Central campus. The concert raised over \$700 to be used for expenses for the concert and for the Summer Missions Project.

Dennis began learning ventriloquism at the age of 10. He was taught by his parents and later studied at the Maher School of Ventriloquism. He also received an interpersonal communications degree from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas in 1986.

He has appeared on such television shows as "ABC World News Tonight" and "Good Morning America." He has done commercials for Dairy Queen and Ultimate Sound Car Stereos and he has performed in Hawaii and Brazil.

Dennis is also an accomplished soloist, pianist, and composer. He has recorded two albums: *For All People* and *Stages*.

He currently resides in Dallas,



Performs at BSU

Sophomores Ardy Reed of Louisville, left, and Sydney Leonard of Sebastopol react to ventriloquist Dennis Lee and "Nick" during a performance at the Baptist Student Union.

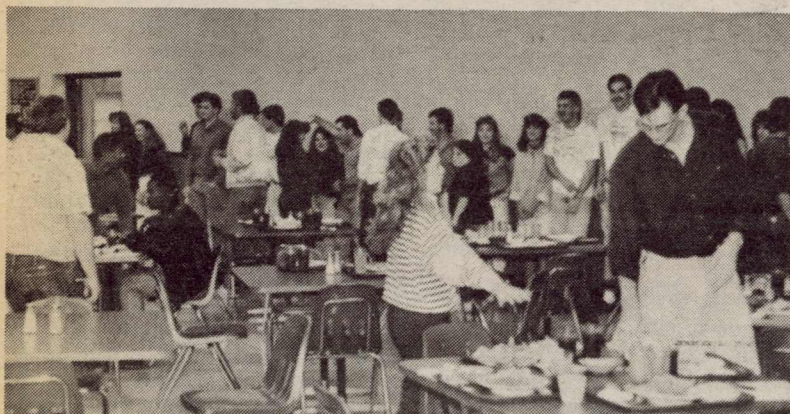
Texas and is hoping to include writing children's books and doing

a concert video of his performances in his future plans.



Talent show winners

"Academic Probation" captured top honors in the East Central Community College fall talent show recently held on the Decatur campus. Members of the rock 'n' roll band include, in front, Shannon McNeil; and in back, from left, Mark Branning, Scott Walker and Chris Little, all of Philadelphia. (Photo by Kim Wedgeworth)



Earthquake drill!

Misty Cornett and Matt Strum prepare to join other students against a wall in Mabry Cafeteria during an earthquake drill held prior to the early December predicted tremor. As of presstime, there was still not a lot of shakin' going on at the Decatur campus.

French fries and gravy attracts all types to 'The Roadrunner'

Can it be possible to see Cinderella, Willie Nelson and B. B. King in Newton County?

Yes, if you know where to look. Since there is no coliseum or arena in the county, that rules out concerts. So where does the search for the rich and famous begin?

How about trying the Roadrunner Truckstop and Restaurant in Newton? It is probably not the first place to leap into the minds of most people, but if they are lucky enough to be there on a certain night, they may find themselves sitting next to George Strait or Bill Monroe.

But the Roadrunner has good points other than the patronage of stars. The food is reasonably priced; the people are nice; and it is a wonderful change from cafeteria food.

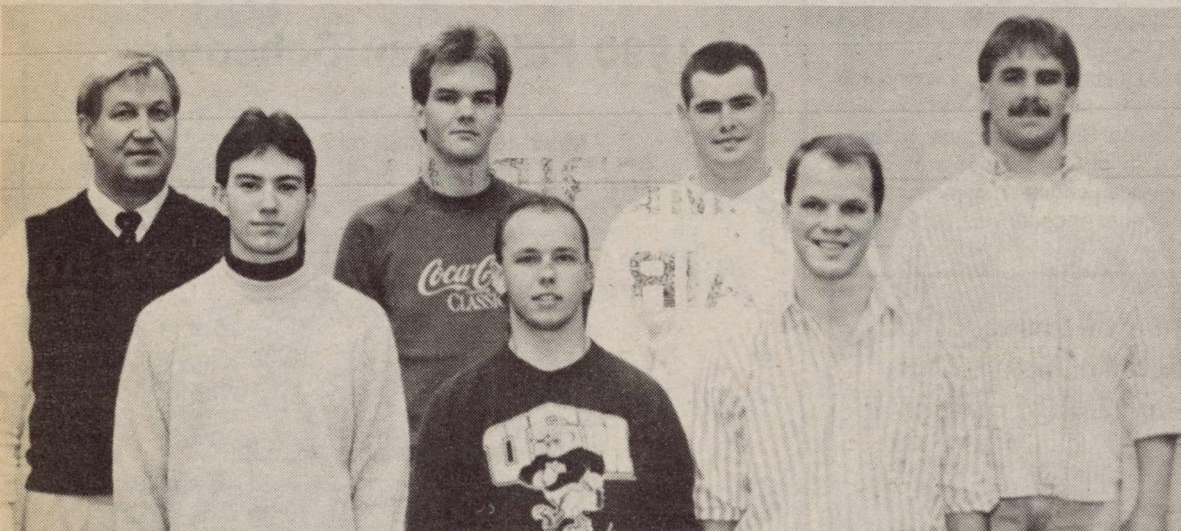
One of the most popular items on the menu is French fries and gravy, a favorite with many East Central students.

Faye Miller, general manager of the Roadrunner, says that most truckstops in the South do not have French fries and gravy, but it is on most menus in the North. She does not know exactly how the fried potatoes and gravy ended up on a menu this far in the South, but she does know that everyone seems to like it.

The Roadrunner is also probably the only place in the area that is fre-

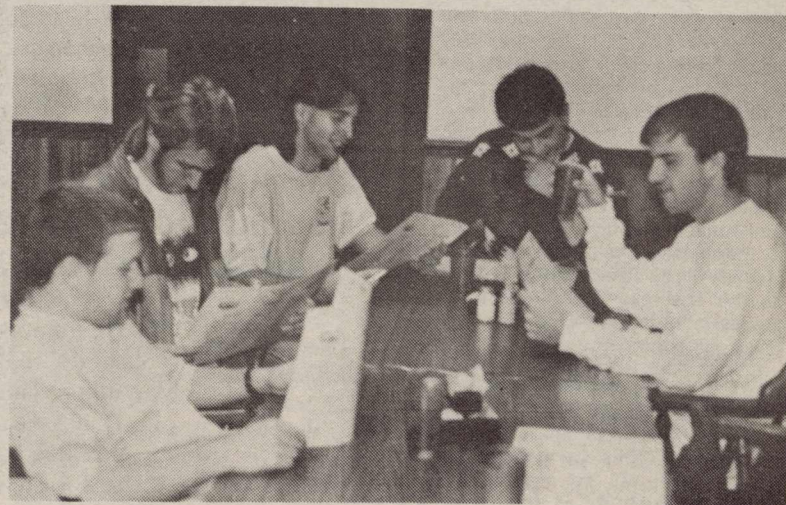
quently visited by people from Canada, Maine and New Mexico, occasionally at the same time! Being located on Mississippi Highway 15 and Interstate Highway 20 gives the Roadrunner the opportunity to serve all types of travelers. Ms. Miller says that most people consider truckstops seedy places, but in reality the travelers cover the entire social structure of America, from grandparents traveling with their grandchildren to college students hitchhiking.

So the next time your money runs a little low or you just need people to watch, head for the Roadrunner. Order the French fries and gravy and sit back and relax. Besides, who knows—you might end up sitting beside one of the greatest names in show business!



AAE officers

Those selected as officers of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers" include, first row, from left, Dewayne McNair of Philadelphia, president; Kevin Winstead of Forest, vice president; Ron Fisher of Walnut Grove, treasurer; and second row, from left, Dr. Shelby Harris, sponsor, David Shaw of Meridian, social chairman; Dexter Thornton of Carthage, secretary; and Brent Bailey, also of Carthage, reporter. Dr. Harris said the purpose of the organization is "to promote the social and economic welfare of the engineer, stimulate public service in the profession, encourage and develop the efficiency of the engineer, promote unity in the profession, and make further study of the industrial arts opportunities in allied fields."



Getting ready to order

Getting ready to order "French fries and gravy" or one of the other popular items at The Roadrunner Restaurant are, from left, Shelby Donald, Sean Thornton, Josh Graham, Brett Tucker and Brent Townsend. (Photo by Del Crocker)

'Christmas in Mississippi' shines bright at Robert Evans' home

By ROBIN MILLING

Robert and Shirley Evans have taken a line from a childhood song to heart. "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine" takes on a new meaning for people when they drive by the Evans' house.

Mr. Evans has draped his shrubs, trees, fence and displays he had built with over 20,000 lights. When asked why he decided to do this, Mr. Evans laughs and points to his wife. "It's her fault. She didn't want a tree shedding needles on the carpet, so I began decorating the outside of the house."

Coming from Chicago, Mr. Evans said he was used to seeing whole blocks with Christmas lights. He missed this after he moved to Mississippi, and when he began decorating, it just kept growing.

People began driving out to see the display. Children and older people especially enjoyed the display, leading the Evans to dedicate Christmas in Mississippi to them. Nursing homes from around the area send buses carrying the elderly residents to see the lights.

With donations from merchants and the people who stroll through the display, Santa visits, handing out gifts to children. About 300 gifts were given away last year; and some extra money was used to buy turkeys for some needy families.

About 15,000 people go to see Christmas in Mississippi. It draws people from all around. Mr. Evans remembers one couple from Jasper, Texas, who were driving on Interstate 20 and heard about it on the

radio. They exited at Newton, got directions and found it. Mr. Evans says they walked around for about 45 minutes, just taking it all in.

Visitors are often out-of-state relatives who are visiting for Thanksgiving or Christmas. They use up rolls of film taking pictures to carry home with them to show their neighbors and friends.

The lights are turned on the day after Thanksgiving. The average increase in the Evans' power bill is around \$500 for the season. That is not the cost of lights, extension cords, installation of electrical outlets, or of the displays built by Mr. Evans.

But, Mr. Evans says "Christmas in Mississippi" will continue to grow. He wants it to become one of

the largest and best Christmas displays in the nation.

Each year, a new display is added. For this year's addition, Christ walking on water is represented on the pond behind the Evans' home. Plans for a new display next year are already being worked on, but Mr. Evans will not reveal what it will be. He says the new attractions are what keep people coming back, so he does not want to ruin the surprise. Mrs. Evans says she is prepared for the worst! "I keep waiting to see the horses with twinkling lights wound around them."

If you have not seen "Christmas in Mississippi," put it on your Christmas list between "mail the cards" and "buy the turkey". It is truly a wonderful sight.

Clark, Pierce take care of admissions

By WANDA A. BREEDLOVE

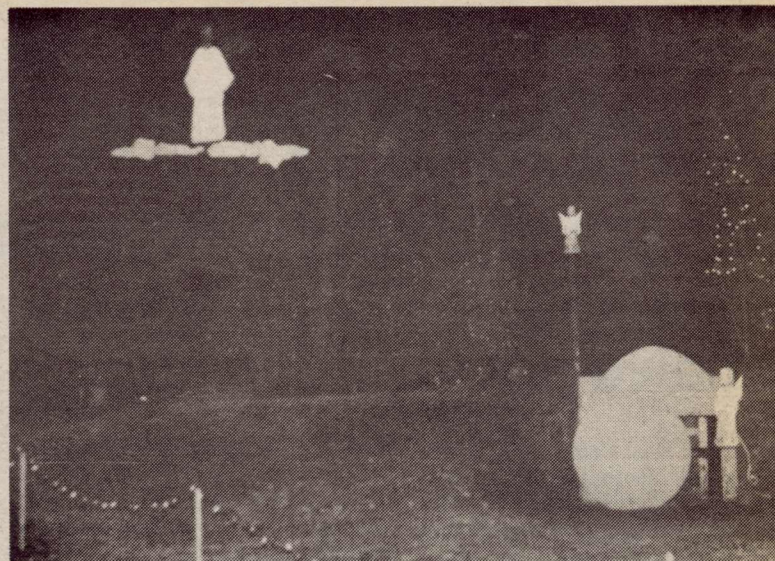
As one steps into the admissions office of East Central Community College, he or she encounters the smiling faces of Lou Clark and Linda Pierce.

Mrs. Clark, who has been at EC for 16 years, and Mrs. Pierce, who has been here for six years, are the ladies responsible for getting our grades in the computer and printed out for us on time. They also send our absences home and get our transcripts ready to send on to senior colleges. In fact, just about everything that reaches the admissions office is handled by them.

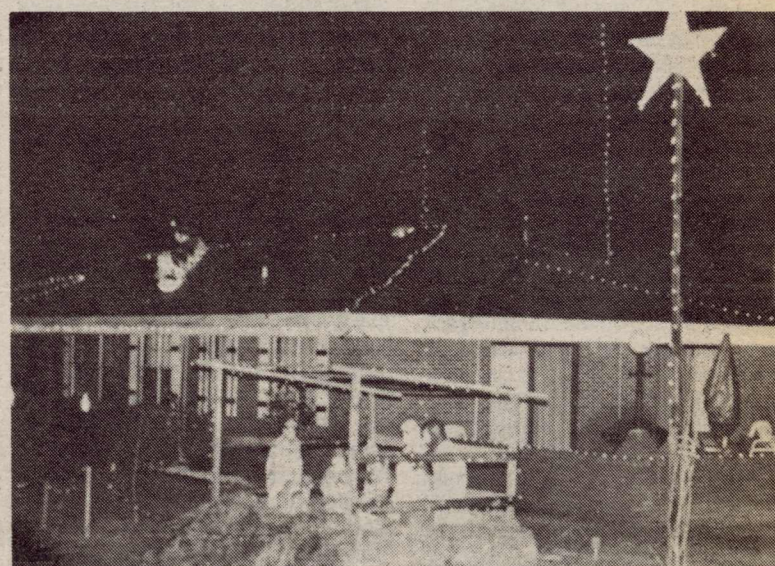
Mrs. Clark is married to our very own Chester Clark. She has one daughter, who graduated from East Central, and a son. She says "East Central has been very good to me. It has been a privilege and an honor to be able to work here."

Mrs. Pierce's husband is a foreman at La-Z-Boy. She has three children, including one who is enrolled here at East Central. Mrs. Pierce feels, "The benefits at East Central are very good and it is a great place to work."

Both Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Pierce are valuable and charming assets to the students and faculty of East Central.



The Robert Evans residence



Christmas in Mississippi display

L.I.F.E. Tips

1. Any item or product container with a chasing arrow symbol on it can be recycled.
2. Plastics with a #1 or #2 on them are the most readily recyclable plastics.
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SPORTS

Seventeen ECCC Warriors receive post-season honors

A host of East Central Community College football players has received honors following the 1990 campaign, announced head Coach A. J. Kilpatrick.

Kilpatrick said 17 team members from the 4-6 squad have been selected for post-season recognition.

Leading the list of honorees is defensive lineman Dynassus Buggs of Tuscaloosa, Ala., who was named All Region 23 and first team All State. The 5'11", 220-pound sophomore, who led EC with 66 individual tackles and 37 assists, was also selected to play in the Mississippi Community/Junior College All Star Classic held Saturday, Dec. 1 at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

Others chosen on the All State first team include fullback Anthony Walker of Demopolis, Ala.; punter Lamont Byrd of Carrollton, Ga.; and defensive back Felton Burroughs of Thomasville, Ala.

Walker was East Central's second leading rusher with 663 yards on 99 carries. He also scored three touchdowns.

Byrd, who also played quarterback, punted 50 times and had a 39.8-yard average. He was the squad's leading scorer with 36 points and third leading ground gainer with 409 yards on 78 attempts. Byrd also led the Warriors in passing, completing 78 of 210 passes for 1091 yards and three touchdowns.

Burroughs led the Warriors in interceptions with four.

Walker, Byrd, Burroughs, running back Sammie Holifield of Lake and linebacker Wyatt Williams of Demopolis joined Buggs as the col-

lege's representatives on the All Star South Division squad.

Holifield led EC in rushing with 872 yards on 143 carries, a 6.0-yard average.

Williams was the squad's second leading tackler with 62 solo stops and 30 assists.

Holifield and Williams also received second team All State honors along with offensive guard Zederick Cistrunk of Louisville and wide receiver Tony Kidd of Sylacauga, Ala. Kidd led the Warriors in receiving with 35 catches for 482 yards.

Honorable Mention recognition went to offensive tackles Dewayne Johnson of Thomasville and Terence Peoples of Montevallo, Ala.; offensive guard Chris Houston of Oxford, Ala.; defensive ends Tim Jackson of Demopolis and Ben Williams of Graceville, Fla.; defensive tackle Dee Dee Moore of Philadelphia; defensive backs Hayes Petty of Tuscaloosa and Dewey Lee of Louisville; and running back Willie McClelland of Little Rock.

Jackson was the third leading tackler with 37 solo stops and 13 assists. Moore was fourth with 37 tackles and 11 assists.

Petty registered three interceptions and Lee collected two on the season.

McClelland, a Beulah Hubbard High School graduate, led the Warriors in kickoff and punt returns. He returned 17 kickoffs for 305 yards (17.9 average) and had 16 punt returns for 145 yards (9.1 average). McClelland was also the team's second-leading scorer with 30 points.



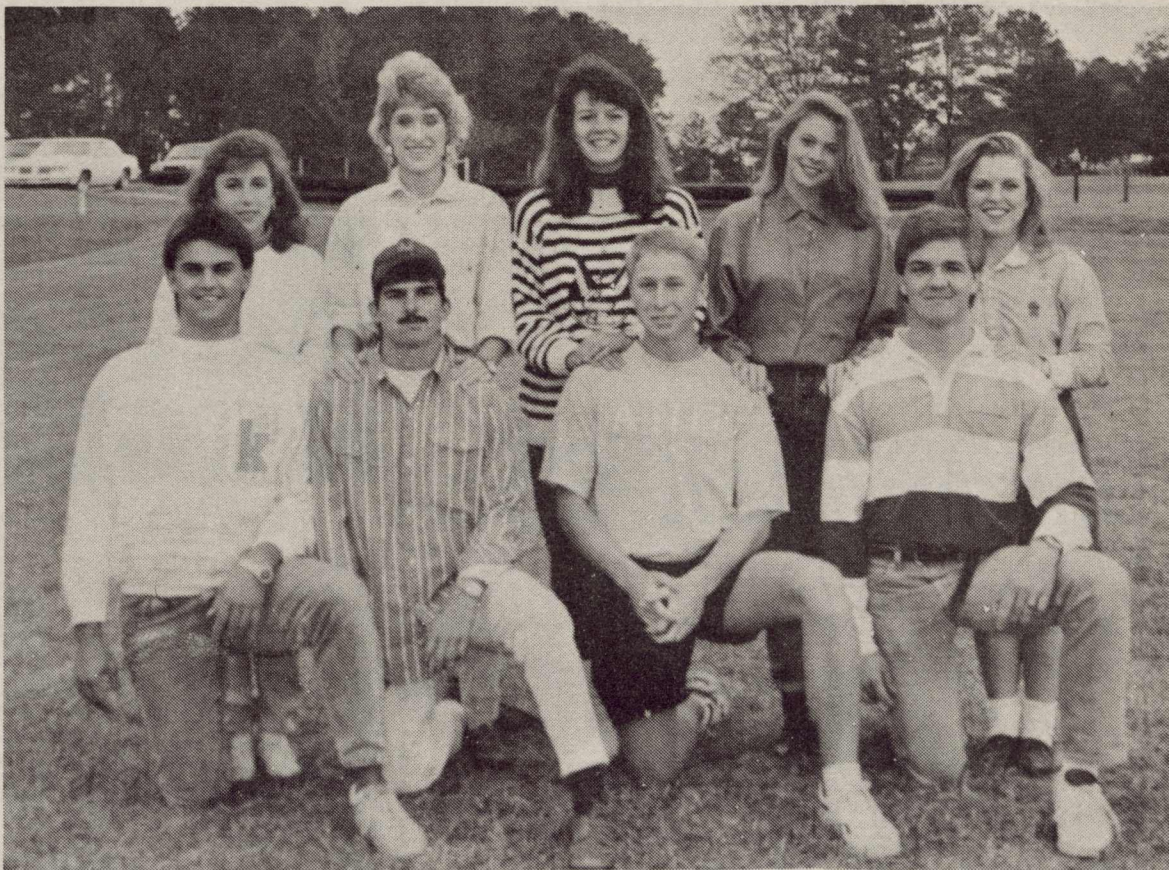
ECCC All Stars

These Warrior football players were named to the South Division All Star squad and well represented East Central in the annual Mississippi Community/Junior College All Star Classic held Saturday, Dec. 1 at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. The North won the gridiron battle by a 15-12 margin. Pictured are, seated from left, linebacker Wyatt Williams, Demopolis, Ala.; defensive lineman Dynassus Buggs, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; standing, from left, are punter Lamont Byrd, Carrollton, Ga.; fullback Anthony Walker, Demopolis; and defensive back Felton Burroughs, Thomasville, Ala. Not pictured is running back Sammie Holifield of Lake.



ECCC Roundball Recruiters

These students have been selected as "Roundball Recruiters" and include, seated from left, Kristi Patrick, Twyla Kemp and Bethany Brantley, all of Carthage; and, standing from left, Wendy Ellis, Carthage; Michelle Mitchell, Morton; Michalle Everett, Hickory; Amy Fussell, Louisville; and Ocean Moore, Philadelphia. Others named to assist the college's basketball program but are not pictured include Tonya Stowers, Forest; Shontel Lowe, Alexandria, La.; and Tonya Moore, Philadelphia.



Coed champs

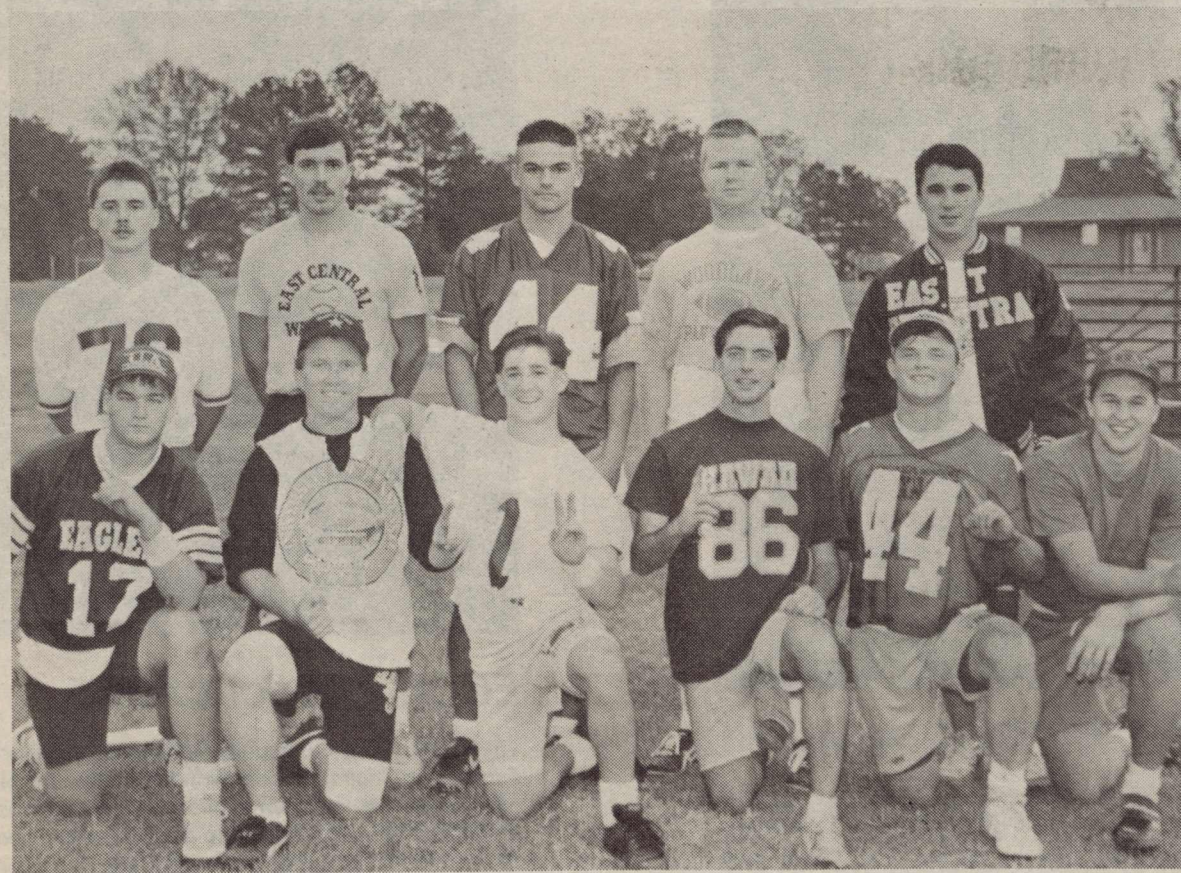
Winning title honors in the coed intramural flag football division are these members of a team called "Yardbirds." The squad includes, kneeling from left, Brian Cooper, Ricky Walker, Ken McMullan and Ab Germany, all of Decatur; back row, from left, Karla McDill, Kim Griffin and Tam Cooper, all of Decatur; Shawn White, Vicksburg; and Misty Cornett, Louisville. Not pictured are Patsy Harris and Josh Graham, both of Decatur; Danny Leach, Lake; Brett Tucker, Carthage; and David Campbell, Hickory.

SPORTS



ECCC basketball cheerleaders

Leading cheers for the Lady Warrior and Warrior basketball teams for the 1990-91 season are, kneeling from left, Matt Strum, Carthage; Michelle Mitchell (head), Morton; Charlie Moorehead, Forest; and standing, from left, Kimberly Shirley, Forest; Steve Tucker and Wendy Ellis, both of Carthage; David LeBlanc, Forest; and Ocean Moore, Philadelphia. Melissa Lewis, an instructor in the college's Child Care Supervisor Technology program, serves as sponsor.



Flag football champs

"Phi Hookem" and Jookem" captured first place honors in the intramural flag football championship tournament. Team members include, kneeling from left, Greg Perry, Jackson; Brent Lawrence, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; Scott Reed, Louisville; Jon Powers, Westlake, La.; Jamey Champion, Demopolis, Ala.; Scott Hines, Philadelphia; standing, from left, Billy Fish, Shreveport, La.; Kevin Duet, Galliano, La.; Matt Smith, Baton Rouge, La.; and Clay Courville, Eunice, La.

Three ECCC players sign scholarships

Three East Central Community College basketball players have recently signed national letters of intent with senior universities, announced college officials.

Jay Bowen, now in his second year at the Warrior helm, said Tyrone Stowers, a 6-5, 210-pound sophomore forward from Forest, signed with Livingston University in Livingston, Ala. and Michael James, a 6-8, 220-pound sophomore forward from Gary, Ind. inked a scholarship with Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Stowers, who was a standout player at Scott Central High School, is currently scoring an average of 17.5 points per game. As a freshman, Stowers averaged 16.9 points per contest and 4.1 rebounds. The honorable mention All-Stater ranked fourth in the country last year in field goal percentage by making 53.8 percent of shots from the field. He hit on 60 percent of all free throws.

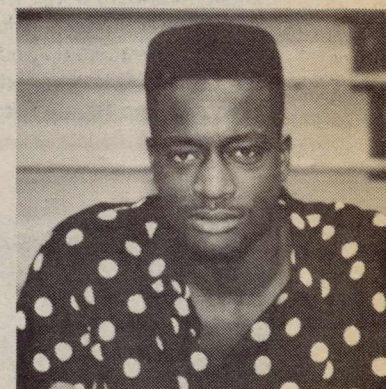
James, also named to the All-State honorable mention squad as a freshman, is averaging nine points per game and 7.3 rebounds. He has made 75 percent of all field goals. A product of Lew Wallace High School in Gary, James averages 8.9 points per contest and 5.9 rebounds during the 1989-90 campaign. His free-throw percentage was an outstanding 81.3 percent.

Lady Warrior head coach Sammie Pace announced sophomore Shontel Lowe has signed with the University of Mississippi Lady Rebels. Lowe, a 6-foot center, is a graduate of

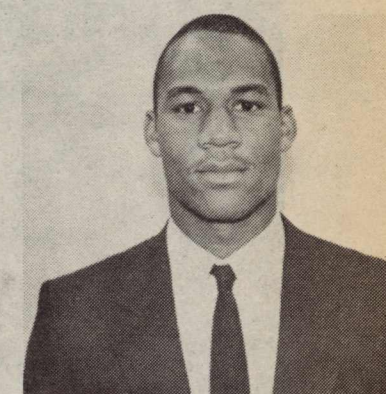
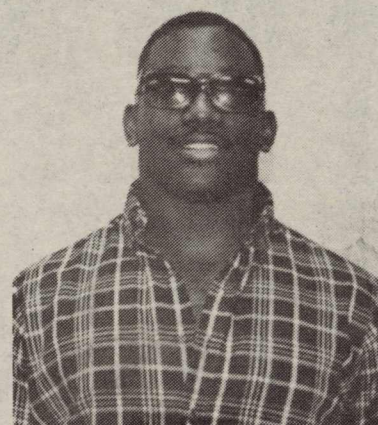
Peabody Margent High School in Alexandria, La. She is currently averaging 15.4 points per game, 9.6 rebounds and 2.8 steals. Her shooting accuracy from the field is presently at 73 percent.



Shontel Lowe



Tyrone Stowers

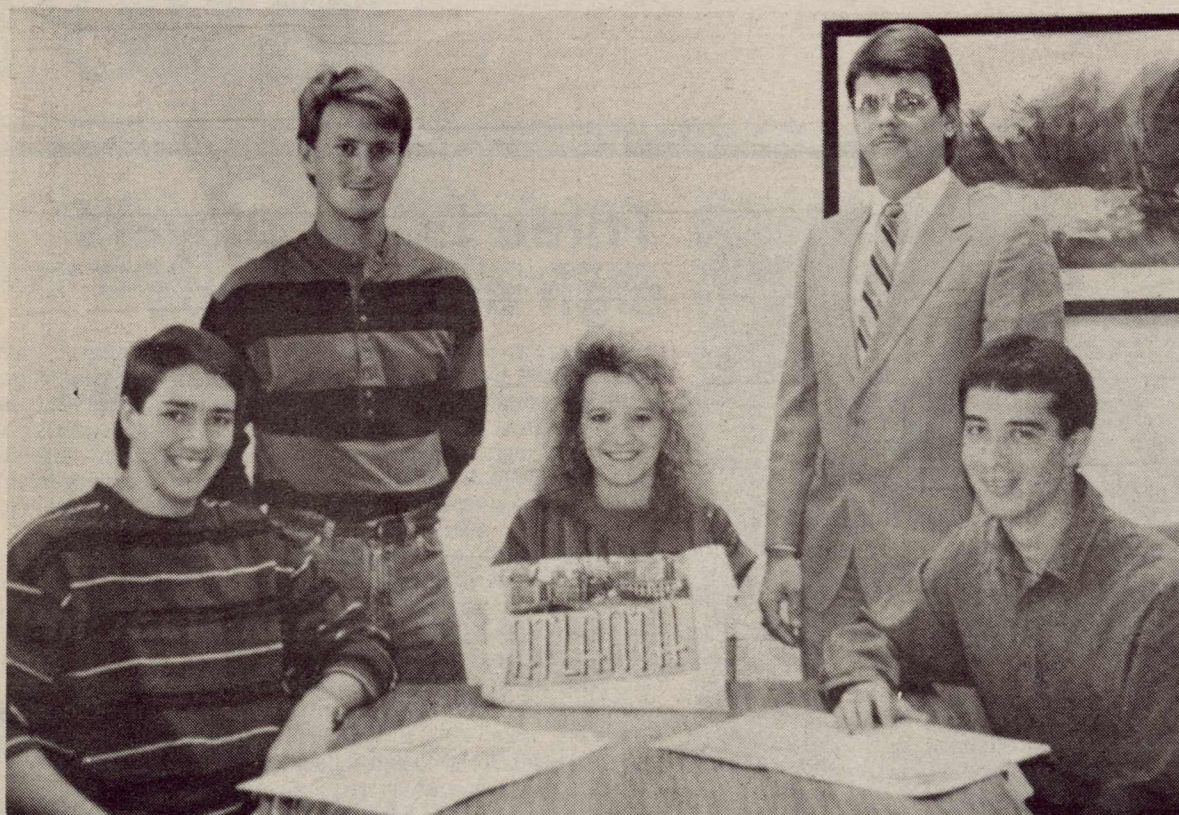


Michael James

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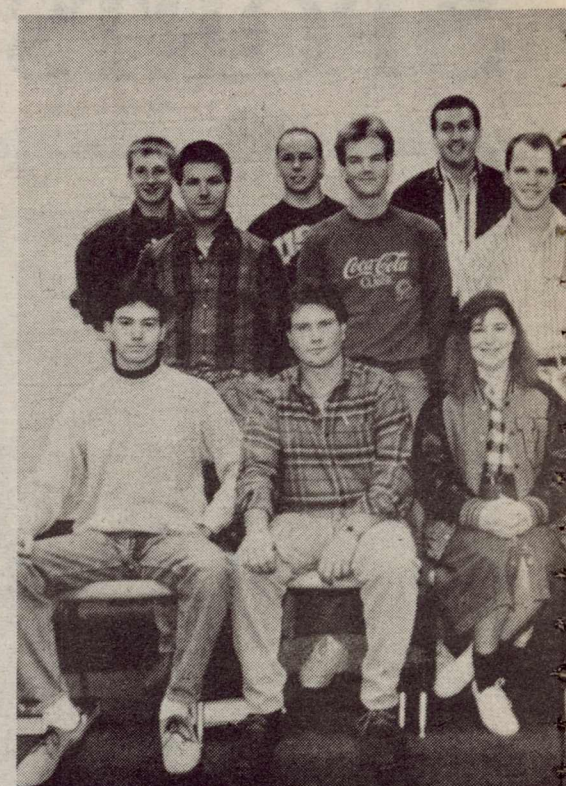
Defensive lineman Dynassus Buggs of Tuscaloosa was recently named to the All Region 23 team following the 1990 season. Buggs, a 5'11" 220-pound sophomore who had an outstanding high school career at Central East, was also selected to the All State first team and participated in the annual Mississippi Community/Junior College All-Star Classic held Dec. 1 at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. Buggs led East Central in tackles during the 1990 campaign with 66 solo stops and 37 assists.





Attend national conference

These members of the Phi Beta Lambda chapter at East Central recently attended the organization's national fall leadership conference held in Atlanta, Ga. The East Central students attended various workshops and meetings designed to build leadership and personal skills. Pictured are, seated from left, Jay Kerr of Newton, vice president; Tammy Ferguson of Hickory, reporter; Dewayne Hamrick of Newton, historian; and standing, from left, Tracy Adcock of Louisville, treasurer; and Randy Ferguson of Hickory, president. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for students majoring in business.



Future engineers

Members of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers," for ris Johnson, both of Philadelphia; Monica Jones and A Ricky Cook, Philadelphia; second row, from left, Jason Brian Cooper, Decatur; Brent Bailey, Carthage; Delvin Louisville; Kevin Winstead, Forest; Al Rigdon, Decatur; of Decatur. Dr. Shelby Harris serves as club sponsor.



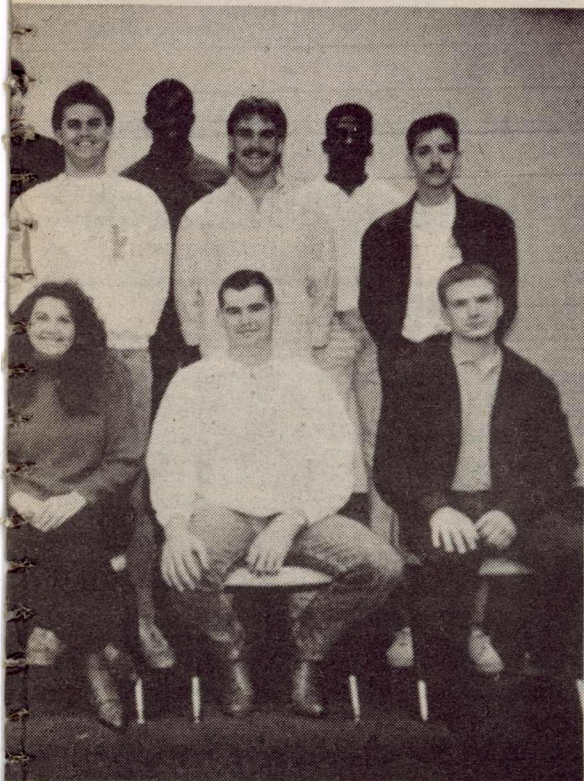
ECCC beauties, beaus

Beauties and beaus selected for 1990-91 during recent pageant activities are, first row, from left, Michale Everett, Hickory; Christina Wood, Decatur; Most Beautiful Kristi Patrick, Carthage; Pamela Belk, Union; Buffy Reeves, Decatur; and back row, from left, Brian Cooper, Decatur; Chad Harrison, Union; Most Handsome Brent Bailey, Carthage; Scott McNair, Philadelphia; and Wesley Barrett, Decatur. A panel of judges selected beauties with beaus being chosen by a vote of the student body. The annual pageant, held in Huff Auditorium, was sponsored by the Wo-He-Lo year-book staff.



ECCC gospel choir

The East Central Community College Gospel Choir rec auditorium. Choir members include, first row, from left, nifer Towner, Decatur; Koneshire Gill, Carthage; Lisa Cis all of Louisville; Al Moncrief (pianist), Newton; second, Paula Thames (secretary-treasurer), Decatur; Dionna N of Forest; Pamela Pruitt (director), Newton; Barbara Hay Hayes Petty and David Brown, both of Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Q-91 include, seated from left, Dewayne McNair and Mor-
 lia Anderson, both of Union; Dexter Thornton, Carthage;
 n, Lake; David Shaw, Meridian; Ron Fisher, Walnut Grove;
 uffman, Philadelphia; third row, from left, Darrin Pickett,
 n Evans, Lake; and Lamar Blalock and James Hoyer, both



Phi Theta Kappa initiates

Pictured are those who have been tapped for membership by Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national scholastic organization for community and junior college students. Membership in the honor society is by invitation only. To be eligible, freshmen must have at least a 3.4 grade point average and sophomores are required to maintain at least a 3.3 GPA. According to sponsors Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes, the purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is "to promote scholarship, develop character and cultivate fellowship among academically superior student." Those chosen include, first row, from left, Tara Swindle, Decatur; Gaye Rose, Hickory; Amy Alford, Philadelphia; Billy Howell, Carthage; Allen Boutwell, Newton; Dawn Bradford, Forest; Melody Myers, Harperville; Tracy Weaver, Decatur; Stacey Powers, Carthage; Sonya Lewis, Little Rock; back row, from left, Jim Holder, Union; Bridgette Futch, Forest; Sean Thornton, Lena; Amy Cumberland and Andy Hardy, both of Philadelphia; Connie Money and Billy Walker, both of Forest; Tonya Henry, Walnut Grove; Darlene Crane, Decatur; Gayla Goodwin, Carthage; and Stacie Ely, Philadelphia.



ly held its fall semester concert in the Fine Arts Center
 Thames, Little Rock; Wanda Edwards, Carthage; Jen-
 nk, Jones Steele (vice president) and La Tasha Jernigan,
 from left, Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson (sponsor), Newton;
 hell, Carthage; Clarence White and Beverly Ware, both
 s (president and director), Louisville; third row, from left,
 rone Bender, Louisville; and Coby Clay, Philadelphia.



ECCC pageant finalists

These East Central beauties were named as top 10 finalists during recent pageant activities held on the Decatur campus. Those selected include, first row, from left, Suzanne Smith, Philadelphia; Bethany Jinkerson, Sebastopol; Kristi Patrick (Most Beautiful), Carthage; Pamela Belk, Union; Stephanie Warren, Philadelphia; back row, from left, Buffy Reeves and Christiana Wood, both of Decatur; Michalle Everett, Hickory; and Stacie Ely and Brandy White, both of Philadelphia. The annual pageant, held in Huff Auditorium was sponsored by Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff.

OPINIONS

Help is a four-letter word that we all can understand

By JEFF HITT

Last weekend in Meridian I noticed a man on the side of the road. This man wore frazzled clothes and was not shaven. He held a sign which said, "I will work for food."

This really bothered me. In an age of supposed plenty and in America, the land of liberty and opportunity, there are people who are starving to death, there are people that are willing to work, and there are people who just don't care. Why, in America, do we continue to have this type of situation?

Here are some possible solutions for you to practice this Christmas season (and year-round for that matter):

1. Try to help at least one person who is less fortunate than you.
2. Help in a soup kitchen or volunteer your time or money to a worthy cause.
3. Invite a less fortunate person to Christmas dinner or just to a regular meal.
4. Visit the nursing home or hospital to bring cheer to those needy residents.
5. Call someone and just say "hello" to cheer you their day.

We can all work together to make this Christmas the best one yet. When we help those less fortunate we and those we help will reap the benefits. We will grow to appreciate what we have. We can be a part of caring and sharing.

Repeal Amendment 8

By JIM HOLDER

A lot of people think the death penalty is cruel and unusual. However, what these people do not realize is that in the case of murder, this punishment is necessary and not cruel or unusual at all.

Simply giving life sentences to cold-blooded murderers causes more harm than good. Taxpayers wind up spending millions of dollars each year keeping these blights on society alive in prisons that are quickly resembling country clubs. Furthermore, our nation has found itself stuck with hundreds of overcrowded prison facilities.

People worry that wrongly accused citizens are often executed, but as many appeals as a person may receive, guilt or innocence can be proven without the shadow of a doubt. Others suggest that we should turn the other cheek and love our enemies. They say that killing murderers is cruel and unusual. What they fail to point out is that murder itself is a cruel and often unusual crime.

Perhaps the method of solving

this problem is through our constitution. Amendment 8 in the Bill of Rights protects us from "cruel and unusual punishment". I recommend that this amendment be repealed in cases of murder. It was passed 200 years ago to protect prisoners against torture and beheading, both of which are outdated in law enforcement.

The death penalty is by no means glamorous, and I do not intend to make it sound that way. Unfortunately, we in the media tend to make a show out of every execution. Still, I believe it is necessary to install this type of punishment in every state.

For those of you who remain skeptical, ask yourselves this: If someone murdered a member of your family, would you really be able to forgive and forget so easily?

Merry greedy Christmas

By JIM HOLDER

The first Christmas advertisement I saw this year was in early November. That's right, early November; it was still two weeks before Thanksgiving.

It didn't mention anything about good will towards men either; it just informed shoppers of a sale that was lasting until Christmas Eve.

When Christmas was first celebrated, I doubt if anyone knew how far away from the true spirit of the season we would get. Christmas is no longer a meaningful holiday; it's an excuse for another sale.

The holidays have become so commercialized that we no longer count down the days until Christmas, but instead the shopping days.

Not surprisingly, department stores make more money in December than any other month of the year. We don't give from our hearts anymore; we give from our wallets.

I plan on giving presents this year as well, but I think we would all be better off if we donated more of our time than anything else. It's the one item we supposedly never have. I feel sure, though, that this season most of us will be more content with a little time with our loved ones than any expensive present.

Merry Christmas.

Letter to the editor

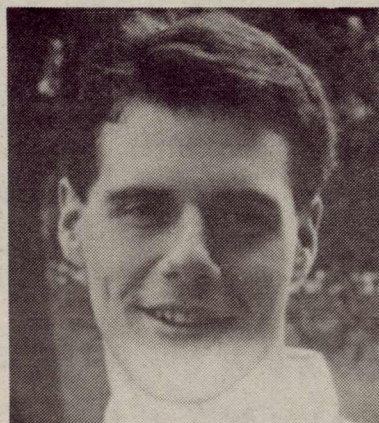
Students begin recycling campaign

Dear Editor:

We consumers generate an extraordinary amount of garbage. Therefore, a small group of students has begun a campaign to reuse, recycle and reduce the amount of refuse dumped in our overcrowded landfills.

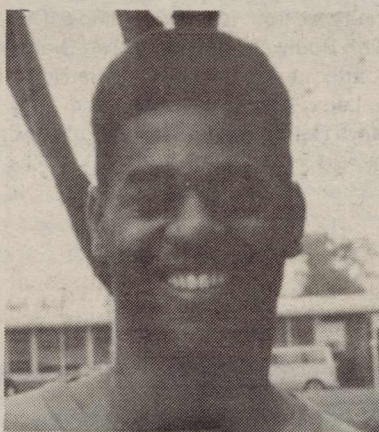
L.I.F.E. is requesting ACTIVE STUDENT, FACULTY & STAFF PARTICIPATION in the recycling of aluminum cans, plastic bottles

Should we take forceful actions against Iraq?



Jim McAdory

Yes and shut Saddam Hussein up!



Charlie Donnerson

Nuke 'em.



Paula Thames

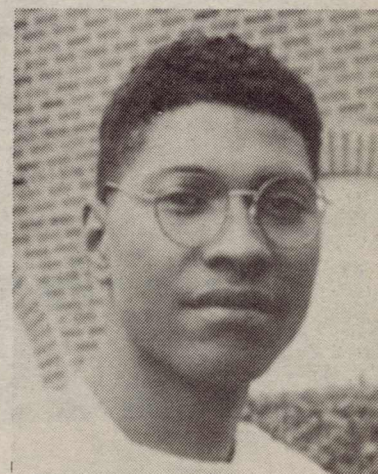
Get on our knees and pray.

STUDENT OPINION POLL



Shawn White

I wish we could negotiate peace, but I think that we ought to use anything we can to enforce U. N. policy.



MacArthur Hannah

I feel there should be some type of strong action taken, but war should always be a last resort.



Angel Truhett

No. I think we should get the troops home safely where they belong.

BSU plans activity calendar

The Baptist Student Union is planning to publish a wall calendar of school activities for the spring semester.

This calendar will be distributed to the student body.

If you are interested in having your activity printed within the calendar please send information to Mr. Gene Davis.

All dates will be taken from the college's activities calendar.

Deadline for information is Dec. 12.

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Collegians perform before packed house Nov. 19

By ANDY HARDY

Under Steve Baggett's multi-colored light show and playing in front of hundreds of adoring fans in a packed Huff Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19, the Collegians, under the direction of Tom Carson, opened their annual Fall Campus Concert with an energetic version of Chuck Berry's "Rock and Roll Music." Following a welcome from Collegian's president Mark Branning, the Collegians continued their pop/rock/country extravaganza.

Dawn Bradford, a sophomore from Forest, belted out a soulful version of Mariah Carey's "Vision of Love," beginning a myriad of vocal solo performances. Next was a rather rocking version of the Kentucky Headhunter's "Oh, Lonesome Me" sang by Shannon McNeil, a freshman from Neshoba Central. Another freshman from Neshoba Central, Patty Sims, offered a clear-voiced "If Wishes Came True" a tune by Sweet Sensation. Keith Johnson, a freshman from Chunky, had fun singing a rollicking version of Garth Brooks' smash country hit "Friends in Low Places." This eventually turned into a sing-along with the rest of the Collegians and the entire audience vocalizing on this country round-up. This song turned out to be one of the highlights of the show.

After the rhythm section of Sean Macke, guitar; Jina Davis, keyboards; Scott Walker, drums; Tom Carson, rhythm guitar; and Mark Branning, bass, was introduced, Ardy Reed, a sophomore from Louisville, gave an extraordinary vocal performance of Jon Bon Jovi's "Blaze of Glory." Lisa Thompson, a freshmen from Louisville, performed an excellent rendition of Holly Dunn's country hit "You Really Had Me Going." Next was "Something Happened on the Way to Heaven," Phil Collins' pop hit sang by DeWayne Jill, a sophomore from Pelahatchie who was in fine voice that night. That song also featured

the wind section composed of David Shaw, trumpet; Sid McNeil, trumpet; Scott Lewis, trombone; and Vincent Brown, saxophone.

For the next song, Vincent Brown, a freshman from Meridian, stepped out into the spotlight to rap a medley of "Ice Ice Baby" and "Can't Touch This" rap songs originally performed by Vanilla Ice and M. C. Hammer, respectively. This medley, another crowd-pleaser, immediately segued into Scott's drum solo, which in turn was followed by Sean's guitar solo, and this followed by Mark's bass solo. All three solos were professional and showcased the extreme talent in the Collegian's rhythm section.

After Mark's solo ended, Scott Walker, with the four stick clicks, started what was arguably the best song of the evening. Following the stick clicks, Sean Macke came in with the guitar riff from Janet Jackson's "Black Cat." This was followed by Mark Branning's heart-pouring technique, Tina Davis' ringing keyboards, and the consistent rhythm of the cowbell by vocalist Keith Johnson. Dawn Bradford then came onstage and started her rousing erotically charged war-horse of a powerfully-backed song. This song was nothing short of fantastic; sending chills through the body with its sensual electricity.

For the finale, the Collegians performed the house-rocking "Old Time Rock and Roll" a tune by Bob Geron which ends all of the Collegians' shows. The Collegians were given a standing ovation for the flawless, spectacular show, which ran so smoothly because of the help of this year's technicians: Christina Edwards, Eddie Davenport, Michael Duke, Brent Fountain (pen), Andy Hardy, and Brent Warren. The Collegians performances will continue as they will tour high schools for the remainder of this semester and the whole of next semester. This looks to be a fine year for the Collegians.



Collegians perform

The Collegians are shown performing during their recent fall concert.

Parking committee reports new policies

By TY JANKOWSKI

On Nov. 9 the recent meetings of the temporarily assembled East Central Parking Committee finally came to an end. They have approved a specific group of new plans and recommendations on how to help alleviate EC's parking problems.

Tips to plan your schedule

By WANDA BREEDLOVE

As we start thinking about our futures and where we want to go after we graduate, we begin to notice that things are a little more complicated than they at first seem. Trying to ensure that we take all the required classes, making sure the hours we have will transfer and arranging classes so we can get just one more hour of sleep can be a severe pain in the posterior section.

Here are just a few things to remember when making out your class schedule:

*Your advisor is there to help you. He or she will help you choose the classes best suited to your major and help you choose electives that will transfer to the university of our choice.

*If you do not understand something, ask someone. It never hurts to ask a question. If advisors do not know, they can direct you to someone who does.

*Mainly remember you do not have to do everything at once. It is up to you how fast you complete your education.

This is your education and your life so take your time and make choices that you can live with. Take classes you like and enjoy and study hard. It is the one sure fire way to succeed.

The EC Parking Committee consisted of Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of students (chairman); Ricky Harrison, vo-tech drafting instructor; Thomas Thrash, social science instructor; Harvey Trapp, business manager; Joe Clark, director of security and men's housing; Clinton Russell, director of maintenance; and EC students Michelle Mitchell, Warrior Corps member, and Michael Mouton, the famous EC "ticket man." These policies were all forwarded to and approved by the president of the college, Dr. Eddie M. Smith.

First of all, the parking lots are going to be color coded to designate specific areas for faculty, commuters and dorm students. Faculty can park in any designated area, commuters can park in commuter or dorm areas, and dorm students can park only in their designated lots. The faculty parking areas will include the front of the Vo-Tech Building, several spaces in front of the Fine Arts Building, Cross Hall, the Vo-Tech Annex and the Newton Hall area. The commuter parking areas will include the West Mall, the street side of the old gym, the Vo-Tech (except for the front) and the library area.

The curbs in front of Winston Hall and the areas around the shrubs and entrance to the Vo-Tech Building will all be painted yellow. This will mean "No Parking," which will enhance the flow of traffic on 7th Street and through the Vo-Tech parking lot.

The "No Parking" zone at the loading dock and dumpster will remain and there will be consideration to add reserved spots for ARA behind Jackson Hall next to the loading zone area behind the cafeteria, instead of in the Fine Arts area.

There will be two new handicapped parking spaces available at the

Brackeen-Wood Gym on the south side of the facility, which will be on the level of the sidewalk for accessibility. Also, sidewalks will be added to the Jackson Hall handicapped parking areas.

And finally, signs will be placed in the designated spaces for resident directors and handicapped in front of Newsome Hall. The preparation of the new parking lot behind Newsome Hall will continue and should be completed by the summer of next year. All of the other plans are expected to be completed over the Christmas holidays and will be put officially into effect at that time.

Tickets will continue to be given to enforce these new policies, and everyone must keep in mind that any problems with tickets given by Mr. Mouton should be taken to Dr. Sutphin. It also should be known that any and all students who have not paid their parking ticket fines will not be allowed to take exams this semester until they are paid, especially the multiple ticket offenders.

Waiting

Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock
I listen to the clock
Why does it go so slow?
Is it time? Not yet. When!
My heart pounds,
my brain cries!
Surely I can stand no
more! Does this torture
never end?
But, Wait! what do I hear?
Finally! It's the BELL

Wanda A. Breedlove

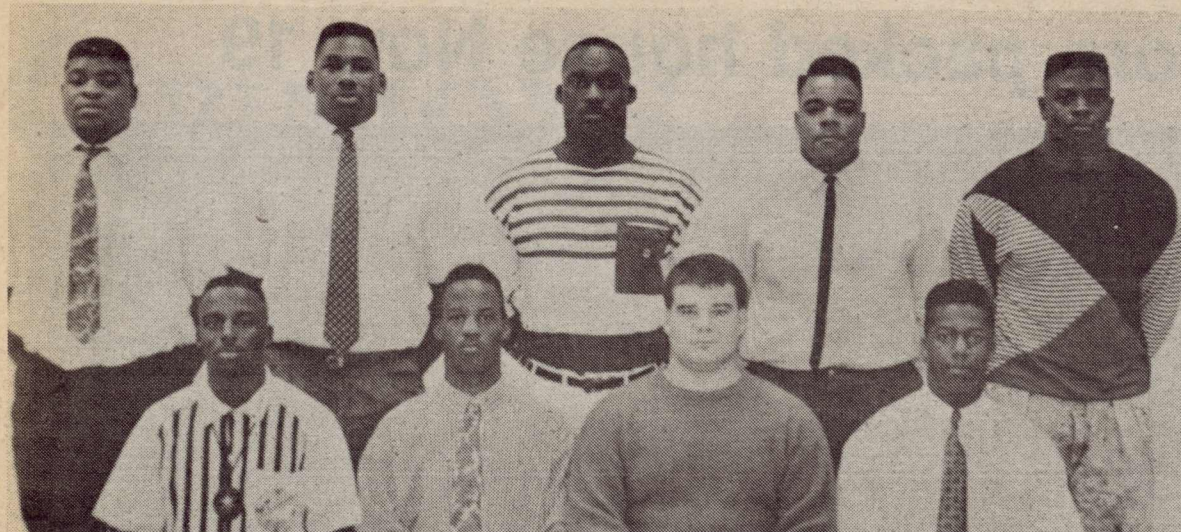
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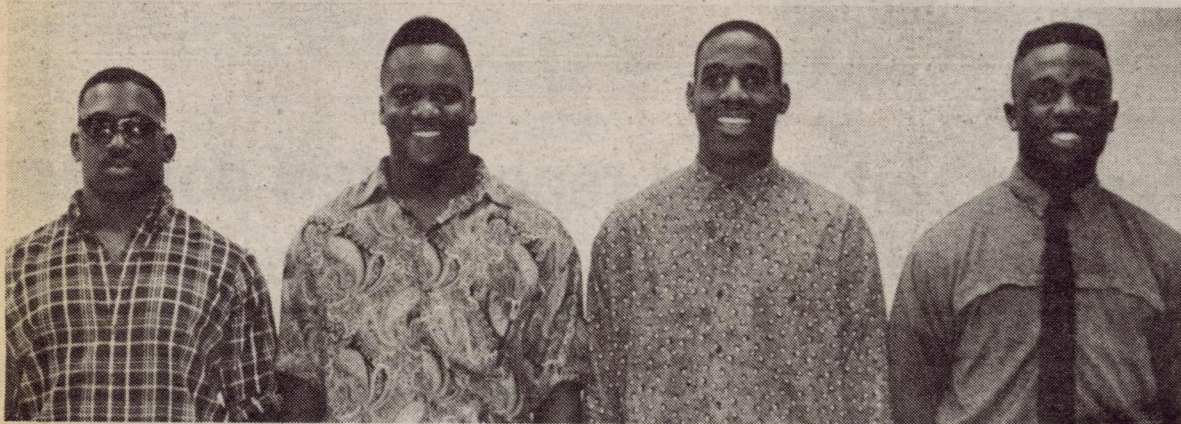
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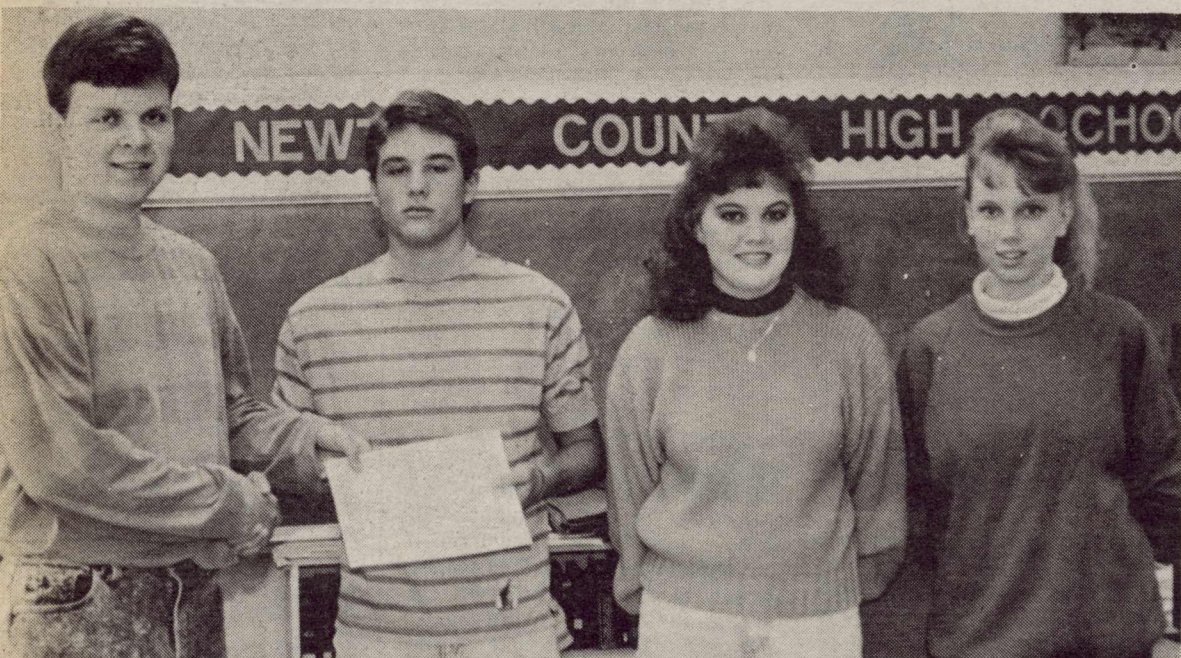
Make honorable mention

Warrior football players who have been selected on the All State honorable mention squad following the 1990 season include, seated from left, running back Willie McClelland, Little Rock; defensive back Hayes Petty, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; offensive tackle Chris Houston, Oxford, Ala.; defensive back Dewey Lee, Louisville; standing, from left, offensive tackle Dewayne Johnson, Thomasville, Ala.; offensive tackle Terence Peoples, Montvallo, Ala.; defensive end Tim Jackson, Demopolis, Ala.; defensive lineman Dee Dee Moore, Philadelphia; and defensive end Ben Williams, Graceville, Fla.



Named to All State squad

Receiving All State first team honors are these ECCC football players, from left, defensive lineman Dynassus Buggs, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; fullback Anthony Walker, Demopolis, Ala.; punter Lamont Byrd, Carrollton, Ga.; defensive back Felton Burroughs, Thomasville, Ala. Buggs was also named to the All Region 23 squad.



ECCC essay contest winners

Sophomore Jeff Hitt, left, is shown congratulating these Newton County High School students who won top honors in a recent essay contest sponsored by LIFE (Leaders Investing in the Future of the Environment). Hitt, of Union, serves as president of the recently organized club. Capturing first place honors with his views of environmental concerns is Jay Mills, pictured next to Hitt. Second and third place awards went to Stephanie Rigdon and Nikki Harrison (at right), respectively. The talented students are members of a creative writing class taught by Mrs. Linda Baucum.

Opportunities available for physical fitness

By JEFF HITT

Americans are becoming increasingly health conscious. Here are some "healthful" ideas which can help each student to become more physically fit.

1. Proper exercise and diet slow down the aging process. Each student should find a proper exercise program that is right for them.

2. Try to incorporate some aerobic training into your daily regimen. All of one's exercise should involve flexibility.

3. To maintain proper weight one should try to "burn" as many calories as are taken in.

4. Exercise and relaxation exercises can be used to reduce stress.

5. One should learn to select a proper diet including plenty fruits and vegetables. A diet high in complex carbohydrates is recommended. Mike (lowfat) products are essential in every person's diet. One should also have some proteins, fats and carbohydrates as well.

Several health-related courses are offered at East Central such as per-

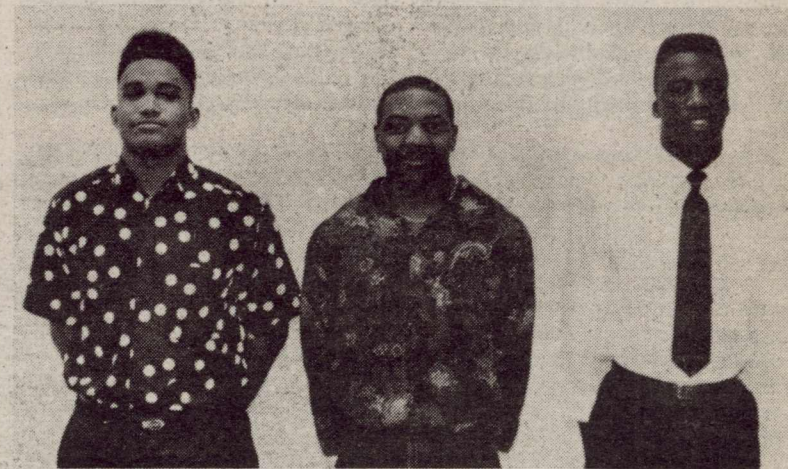
sonal and community health, first aid, recreational leadership and fitness and conditioning training.

Treva Gilbert, who has taken personal and community health and first aid, said, "I learned the importance of proper steps to be taken in helping an injured person. I also learned (in personal and community health) the importance of proper diet and proper nutrition for good health."

Stephanie Dear, a sophomore taking fitness and conditioning, said "In fitness and conditioning we learn how to incorporate stretching and aerobics into our everyday activities. We also get into weight lifting and we are encouraged to set our own personal goals as to our physical activities."

All in all, EC offers a variety of courses to help its students increase healthfulness and aerobic durability. Students are encouraged to become active participants in meaningful and useful physiological activities here at East Central.

(Editor's Note: Special thanks to Miss Lucille Wood for her assistance in this article.)



Receive post season honors

Named to the All State second team are these Warrior football players who include, from left, offensive guard Zederick Cistrunk, Louisville; linebacker Wyatt Williams, Demopolis, Ala.; and wide receiver Tony Kidd, Sylacauga, Ala. Not shown is running back Sammie Holifield of Lake.

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X-Pell rocks Mabry Cafeteria at EC Christmas formal

On the night of Nov. 29, 1990 the East Central Warrior Corps presented a Christmas Formal in Mabry Cafeteria.

The featured entertainment was a heavy metal/hard rock musical group called "X-Pell". Their concert was excellent. Everyone enjoyed their performances of hits by such groups as Def Leppard, Motley Crue and Faster Pussycat. The band also performed a few songs off of their own album, titled "School Daze." The band members are Marty Federick, drums and back-up vocalist; Harold Collins, bass guitar and back-up vocalist; Michael Federick (Marty's brother), guitar and lead vocalist; and Darren Milner, guitar, keyboards, and lead vocalist.

Darren and Michael stated that the group was about 1½ years old, and they have performed around 50 concerts during this period, some five consecutive nights at a time. They have performed mostly at clubs, colleges, and some high school proms. "Next year," Darren mentioned, "high school proms will be our main concert spots."

They said they were eager and excited about performing for everyone at East Central, and we were in fact very much entertained by this talented group at our holiday dance.

They left their address for anyone who would like to receive a free X-Pell monthly newsletter, containing



X-Pell rocks

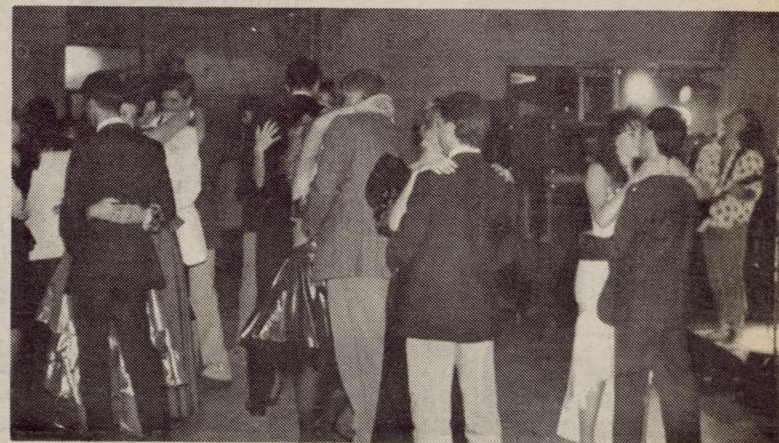
X-Pell members include, from left, Michael Federick, Darrin Milner, Marty Federick and Harold Collins. The popular heavy metal/hard rock musicians performed at the recent Christmas Formal, sponsored by the Warrior Corps. (Photo by Ty Jankowski)

information about where the band is and basically "what's going on." It also features X-Pell apparel and merchandise available for ordering,

including their album, "School Daze". Just write: X-Pell Fan Club, 412 South Church Ave., Louisville, MS 39339.

Scenes from the Christmas Formal

Photos by Ty Jankowski



New courses being offered at ECCC

By TY JANKOWSKI

Starting in the 1991 spring semester at East Central, a select group of new academic courses will be included into the regular day and evening schedule.

Leonard Barrier will be instructing a creative writing course (ENG 2133), which will meet first period, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This course will involve the creative writing of poetry, essays, short stories and plays. It is open to anyone who has an interest in writing and has completed English Composition I.

English majors are recommended to complete this course, and all class work will be submitted to the "Junior College Writer," published by the Mississippi Community Colleges. Barrier has a master's degree in English from Mississippi College.

A new physical education course, weight training (HPR 1551), will be directed by assistant football coach, Brad Bradshaw. It is open to any student, male or female, and will meet second or third period on Mondays and Wednesdays.

He stated that it will be an activity course, not a lecture course, and it is designed to improve body toning and overall health with weight training, not power lifting or body building. However, it is only an elective credit course, and will not satisfy a fitness course requirement involved in a university transfer.

Coach Bradshaw has previously instructed organized training with weights over a period of about five years at the high school, junior and senior college levels.

Another new day course, New Testament survey (PHI 1133), will be instructed by Tim Glaze, direc-

tor of the Baptist Student Union. It will meet during B period on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Glaze mentioned that he needs at least 10 students to have the class and encourages anyone to pre-register for it. It will begin with the Inter-Biblical Period (between the Old and New Testaments) and continue through the New Testament. This course fulfills the philosophy requirements for all general majors. However, it will be counted as a free elective for those students majoring in philosophy.

Glaze holds two master's degrees: one in Biblical studies and the other in church administration. He also holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Mississippi College. His father is a professor at the New Orleans Baptist Theological

Seminary.

Two new courses have been added to the evening schedule, starting with nutrition (HEC 1253), which will be instructed by Linda Chaney, who holds a master's degree in nutrition. All pre-nursing students must complete this course before they can apply to the University Medical Center.

Also, engineering mechanics/statics (EGR 2413), will be an evening course available to pre-engineering students. The instructor will be Ted Pope of Philadelphia, who holds a master's degree in civil engineering.

This course was previously not available at ECCC, and sophomore pre-engineering students either had to take it at Meridian Community College or wait to take it when they had transferred to a university.

Books makes excellent gifts

By SHANE SULLIVAN

Looking for the perfect gift for someone special? Books make excellent Christmas gifts. The librarians at East Central have some suggestions for you to consider.

For the dog lover—*Millie's Book*
For the cat lover—*The Cat and the Curmudgeon*

For the sports fan—*Bo Knows Bo*
For the romantic—*The Captive*
For the history buff—*The Civil War: An Illustrated History* or *The First Man in Rome*

For the Jack Benny fan—*Sunday Night at Seven*
For the C/W music listener—*Get*

to the Heart

For the financier—*Wealth Without Risk*

For the brave of heart—*The Stand* or *The Dark Half*

For the gardener—*The Old Farmer's Almanac 1991*

For the curious child—*The Great Waldo Search*

For the young environmentalist—*50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth*

For the young lady—*Muggie Maggie*

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